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or 42 per cent of our gross con-tribution, of roughly £2,000m. Our net contribution is esti-mated at more than £1,100m, so clearly by withholding VAT Britain could almost bridge the

But, the Community crisis would be enormous. The VAT money is not regarded as beinging to Britain but as being part of the Community's "own resources", in which Britain, like other members, marely are as the Community's merely acts as the Community's tax collector.

Yet Mrs Thatcher heads towards the Brussels summit with the probable support of a large majority in the Commons. On Monday night there is to be a three-hour debate on the issue. The Government seeks ssue. The Government seeks support in its motion, but an artful Opposition amendment seeks to incorporate the demand to withhold Britain's contribution that has already been expressed by more than 130 Conservative backhenchers.

It was Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, who elicrited Mrs Thatcher's clarification yesterday. Was she still trying to get "her money" back, or was she willing for compromise through, perhaps, a package deal? And would she maintain the present price

maintain the present price freeze on agricultural products that were in surplus?

Mrs Thatcher was at her most admonitory. She remained, as at Dublin, ready for compromise but with little room for manogure, and she wanted there to be no doubt of her willingness to withhold VAT as a last resort.

a last resort.

There would be no package deal, she implied; items like fish, agricultural prices, and sheep meat needed to be set-tled but "we shall continue to treat each item on its merits". And she indended to stick to the price freeze on

surplus.
With the Cabinet apparently having had its last presummit discussion it remains for Mrs Thatcher to try bringing round Herr Helmur Schmidt, the West German Chancellor who is to visit Britain next Thursday on the eye of the Brussels summit. After talks at Chequers he and Mrs Thatcher are to attend the Königs winter conference in Cambridge today

inister's scathing ference in 1977. eply to M Chirac

oves changes were needed, and that although withdrawal from the Community would bring great problems it would also bring is with the European. Community is gathersome benefits. Mr Walker used the debate ind after yesterday's the Common Agricul-

Mr watter used the debate to deliver a scathing reply to M Jacques Chirac, the Gaulfist leader, who on Tuesday attacked Britain for acting illegally an dauggested it was time this country left the EEC.

"The only country in Europe l be prepared to die r ditch battle for The only country in Europe that has not accepted the rules, that is acting illegally, the only government in the history of the Community that has de-cided to ignore the decision of the European Court for more than six months, is France" he on, Labour's former of State for Defence,

Mr Walker declared: "1 Continued on page 6, col 1



the collection of Mr Henry Ford are to be sold by Christie's in New York on May 13 (Geraldine Norman writes). All 10 are masterpieces of the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist periods. No small group of comparable importance

Trotskyist

damaging

Political Correspondent

Infiltration of the Labour

Party by members of the Trotskyist Militant Tendency was doing great damage to the Labour Party electorally, Lord Underhill, the former national

agent of the party, said yester-

he was not in favour of mass

The NEC should more active-

Labour'

By George Clark

group

Goldschmidt sale in 1958. A total value of £3:2m has been suggested for the Ford collection but this seems very conservative. Three of the paintings are on

view at the Royal Academy Post-Impressionist exhibition in London.

Gogh: "Le Jardin du Poète, Arles " (right), painted in 1888 for the rooms that Gauguin was to occupy, and "Le Jarein Public", again painted at Aries.

From the same period there is a Brittany seascane by Gauguin,

"La Plage au Pouldu", also on show at Burlington House. There is a Cezanne "Paysan en Blouse Bleue" of 1887 (left); the sitter is placed in front of Cezanne's earliest known painting, a six-panel

Scant hope.

of accord on

Palestinian

autonomy

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, March 20

There was widespread pes-

simism among political ob-servers in both Jerusalem and

Cairo today about President Carter's prospects of reconcil-ing the radically different con-

cepts of Palestinian autonomy, held by Israel and Egypt, when

he meets their leaders, and

possibly King Husain of Jordan,

The Israel Government is

bracing itself to resist any

pressure from America or

Egypt to modify its expansion-

ist settlement policy in the occupied territories or in annexed East Jerusalem, where

hig new housing projects for Jews are either planned or

Earlier this week, Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, is reported

changes, which would also con-

solidate the position of exist-

ing settlements, are contained

in an as yet unpublished docu-

ment submitted to Mr Begin by

Mr Yitzhak Zamir, the Attorney

under construction.

n Washington next month.

Sale Room, page 16

Ey Paul Routledge less anxious about the prospect and assisted by nominees from of another management-organized ballot of the men. Labour Editor

Steel union leaders will invite the British Steel Corporation to increase its "final" offer today or join the vinion in setting up an independent committee of inquiry lato the industry's pay dispute.

This form of arbitration is regarded by the union as the must appropriate may of resolving the national strike now well into its twelfth week. Mr. William Sirs, general

Earlier he released his re-ports on left-wing "entries" which the party national execusecretary of the dominant Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, tive had refused to publish.

The documents show that the Trotskyists, having their own national organization, branches and priting press, are contra-vening the party constitution, but Lord Underhill said that expulsions or a nationwide witchhunt. ly put forward the principles of democratic socialism to counter

In fact, union leaders are now

the Trotskyists' arguments, he Mr James Callaghan, the party leader, gave the impres-sion at the January meeting of One-day Tube strike the NEC that he believes the Tendency's publications are tedious and not likely to win in 'attacks' protest support. But Lord Underhill thinks that all parties and unions should be alerted to

faction. Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the party, said last night that Lord Underbill's up-dated report vindicated the NEC's decision against publication. It disclosed little which had not been considered fully and reported on the party con-

what he sees as a dingerous

He had invited all fringe groups, including the Militant Tendency, to provide informa-tion on their activities.

All groups within the Labour movement had an obligation to provide detailed information and to abide by the party's rules and constitution. Nicholas Timmins writes: The report was attacked as "abso-lute rubbish" by Mr Edward Grant, political editor of the

Militant newspaper. "Militant is not an organization, it is not aparty within a party. We are a tendency in the same way as the Tribune Group, and Militant conducts its activities in the same way as other tendencies in the party", he said.

The idea that the Militant Tendency "parachuted in " to take over constituency parties was "all nonesen " and "child-

numents in detail, page 4 said abdominal bleeding had in Paris today, suffering from Leading article, page 15 been almost completely stopped. Documents in detail, page 4

Union leaders to put latest peace initiative to British Steel today

last night went to Westminster for talks designed to prepare the political ground for the unions' latest peace initiative. It will be put to the BSC management in telks this after-noon by the 10 members of the Iron and Steel Co-ordinating Committee as a more promising route to a sertlement of the strike than the corporation's inreat to hold a ballot on its 14.4 per cent pay and produc-

The London Underground will

be balted tomorrow week by a

24-hour official strike called by

the biggest rail union in protest

The executive of the National

Union of Railwaymen yesterday

instructed its 15,000 London

Transport members to stop work from the end of services

next Friday night until the end of normal Saturday services.

The step is the most far reaching yet taken by the unions in protest at a series of violent incidents on the Under-

ground which cuminated last Friday night in a fracas at Neasden station involving gangs

of youths during which two of London Transport's staff were

The executive also gave offi-

cial backing to those staff who have voted not to serve the eight stations between West

Ljubljana, March 20.-Doc-

tors today reported another

small success in their battle to

keep President Tito alive. They said abdominal bleeding had

President Tito

Hampstead and Queensbury on seriously as an attack on the Jubilee Line or Preston police officer."

at violent attacks on staff.

They argue in private that the balance of shopfloor opinion is swinging their way as workers realize that BSC's proposals mean substantial job losses in the steel works that remain open after BSC's mas-sive pruning exercise.

But preparations are still going ahead for full-page advertisements in local newspapers that circulate in the steelmak-ing towns, calling on trade unionists "to beware" any secret ballot mounted by the

corporation.

The idea of a committee of inquiry has been in the minds of some ISTC leaders for the past few weeks, and an exercise of this sort could be set up quickly if British Steel endorses the proposal. As the corporation has said it does not intend to improve its offer, this seems to be the most likely way out of

H the proposal is taken up, three-man committee headed by a jointly agreed chairman

of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen from the Baker Street

depot not to operate services

of the line after 10 pm tonight, tomorrow night and on succeed-

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the NUR, empha-

sized that the Neasden incident had not of itself prompted the action. Last year there had been

291 assaults on LT staff.

London Transport said last

night that a noe-day strike would not help to solve the problem. It had to continue to

press successive Home Secretaries for stiffer penalties against hooligans. "In particular we have suggested that an

attack on a uniformed member

Paris, March 20 - Jean-Paul

Sartre, the French writer and

philosopher, who is 74, was admitted to the intensive care

M Sartre ill

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from Mr. C. B. Q. Nicholls

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win over the younger members of her party; Sean MacBride on the growing power of public opinion

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ing Fridays and Saturdays.

the north western section

negociated on job flexibility. demanning and local productivity bargaining. They would then make recommendations to the parties that would be morally binding.

In the latest edition of Steel-norlers' Banner, the ISIC strike newspaper, the union cicins that in South Wales, being payments could only be achieved through substantial reductions in jobs. In Scotland the bonus poyment would require a 3 per cent job loss and in Southerne job less and in Scunthorpe job losses would have to come before bonuses were paid. "Every steel worker would be required to become a bounty hunter", it says.

The paper also discloses that

the International Metalworkers' l'ederation has given the steel unions in Britain more than £65,000 to distribute to striking steel workers. The money comes from trade unions in Germany, Japan, Sweden and the Geneva-based IMF itself.

original pirate radio station

tonight after 10p m.
Disruption on the Jubilee
Line will be intensified by the
unofficial decision of 40 drivers of the Associated Society
of Locomorive Engineers and By Craig Seton
Radio Caroline, the original
pirate radio ship, sank of the
Essex coast yesterday, silenced by the heavy seas that were the only serious threat to its exist-ence since it was outlawed by the British and Dutch governments in the late 1960s

The station's ship, the MV Mi Amigo, an aging Dutch coaster, was overwhelmed by wayts 13 miles off the coast in the early morning shortly after lifeboat had rescued its crew of four. including two British

disc jockeys.

The Mi Amigo had been in difficulty all night after breaking away from her mooring near Southend in a gale and

drifting into a sandbank The four were taken by life boat to Sheerness where, after being treated to tea and warmth of staff should be treated as at the police station they were released. They were told how-ever, that they would be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions under the Marine Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967, the legislation originally intended to silence Caroline and

other private stations.
None of the crew was injured. They were named as Nigel Latko, of Bournemouth, Timothy Lewis of Snape, Suf-folk, Nigel Tibbles of Rayleigh, Essex and Ton Lathoower from

Amsterdam.

Mr Tibbles said after the rescue that those on board had worked the pumps until coastship. After they left a big wave lifted the ship and she sunk to the bottom quickly in 25ft of water.

Mr Charles Bowry, coxwain of the lifeboat, said: "The operation to get the crew off took 12 hours. It was the hairiest rescue I have ever

Caroline's owners and backers in Spain and Holland indicated yesterday that broad-casts would be resumed as soon as possible, probably in a new vessel, to serve its estimated 500,000 listeners in Britain and on the Continent.
Caroline's contribution

modern pop culture is well established. The station began broadcasting at Easter, 1964. and for many years, stationed off the British coast, attracted an audience of millions listen-ing to a 24-hour output of pop

The station's popularity aroused the BBC to establish Radio One, its own pop music station, to cater for the new, young audience. With other legally-established commercial pop stations, it gradually and substantially - eroded Radio Caroline's audience.

Scholey denial, page 2 Sea silences

Any such moves would increase the friction between Israel and Egypt which has been provoked by recent devel

General.

opments over settlement policy, including last week's seizure of 1,000 acres of land in East Ierusalem. It would also lessen the slim chance of local Palestinian leaders agreeing to play

Mice eat way through towns of Australia

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, March 20

Mice are plaguing towns on the west coast of South Aus-tralia. People have been catching up to 100 a night in their

The rodeuts eat their way through rubber surroundings on doors to get into the houses, in which they devour everything edible, and some things con-sidered inedible, too, such as plastic. Gardens have been stripped and the bark eaten off fruit trees.

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Farmers may have to abandon sowing grain this year because of the plague, which has lasted three months now and is the worst to hit the area.

The area affected stretches from Cartus on the far west

from Cactus, on the far west coast, to a district about 60 miles cost of Ceduna, then south to Streaky Bay.
Other towns affected include Penong. Theyenard and Munipa.

Almost nothing including the sea, seems to stop the mice. A family living on a yacht 300 yards offshure in Denial Bay, near Coduna, have seen mico swimming around the hoat. The animals have stayed affoat for up to 30 minutes, trying to get on board.

The plague has been com-pounded by the appearance of rats. Ceduna residents who say they have not seen a rat in 20 years now report increasing numbers in the past two weeks. Dead mice litter 100 miles of Princes Highway, Australia's

most important motorway.

Schools in Ceduna and
Streaky Bay have been fumigated, but this keeps the mice away for only two weeks. At Ceduna children have come out of class to find their lunches

A fruit fly inspector said that the mice would eat almost any-thing: "Three weeks ago they were a moving sea through here. They are thinning out a bit now because there is nothing left for them to eat."

The mice have even tried to eat steel wool used to block their entry to houses. They have also eaten putty used to block holes. Near Cactus, a family camping awoke to find the floor and part of the sides of their tent eaten away.

Grain stores on farms are also a target. Grease used to block drainage holes in the base of silos bas been eaten.

Shire councils in the far west have been unable to combat the plague even at their rubbish dumps, where they have put poison. Mice unable to find the Prime Minister, is reported to have assured Jewish extremists conducting a protest hunger strike outside the Knesset that there would soon be legal changes to facilitate settlement. changes to facilitate settlement to drain them. They are empty on land seized from the Arabs now, waiting for roin, during the 1967 war. The The local people bel

The local people believe that torrential rain might drown some of the mice, or that a cold spell could wipe them out, as could disease. It has also been suggested that if the mice start to starve, they would eat one another. But so far, they survive in ever-growing hordes.

The Times

The price of The Times is to be 20p with effect from next Monday, March 24. It is first increase since May, an leaders agreeing to play 1977. In that period to January, 1980, retail prices have risen Continued on page 6, col 5 by 35 per cent.

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in the 1981 census form. Mr inkin, Secretary of State for rvices, said the poor response survey had shown the ques-not worth the candle. The m April 5, will, however, ask a respondent's address a year ad country of birth. The census t f45m at November, 1978, Page 5

Schmidt plea to East Herr Schmidt, the West German Chan-

cellor appealed to Herr Honecker, the East German communist leader, to meet him urgently for talks on renewing the drive for detente endangered since the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. Detente, he told the Bundestag, was important for divided Germany Page 6

Soldier dies on peak The death of a Special Air Service Regiment soldier during a training exercise on Brecon Beacons, the third in those mountains within a year, prompted an MP to say he would ask

the Ministry of Defence for an explan-Gandhi report curb

The Indian Government has stopped all further distribution and sale of the report by the Shah Commission into allegations of abuses of power during the 20 months Mrs Gandhi ruled under emergency regulations between 1975 and 1977 Page 7

Jobs hope for Wales Prospects for 18,350 new jobs in Wales have been identified by the Govern-ment, Sir Keith Joseph has told Welsh trade union leaders. Page 2

Bank 'corset' to end Treasury and Bank of England officials

have confirmed that existing "corset" controls on the banking system will be ended. In future, the authorities would exercise control through special deposits, interest rates; and a form of cash ratio system. However, in a Green Paper on monerary control officials made it clear that they strongly opposed the adoption of a full-blooded monetary base system Page 19 Military exercise: 30,000 troops to take part in biggest operation of its kind since the Second World War 4 Damascus: Syrian minister hints at

foreign influence behind Muslim Brotherhood unrest 6 Singapore: A four-page Special Report on this island republic as it embarks on important economic and political

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Sir Keith tells unions of 18,350 possible new jobs in Wales

Industrial Editor

18,000 new jobs in Wales have been identified by the Government, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, told

Welsh trade unionists yesterday. There are also indications that the Government is considering putting more money into regions which will be affected by steel closures.

The hint of further government help to ease social problems arising from British Steel's plan to end 11,300 jobs at Llanwern and Port Talbot and a run-down in the coal industry was contained in a letter by Sir Keith to Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC.

Replying to points made by Welsh trade unionists at a meeting last month, Sir Keith says that 18,350 new jobs have been by county basis. He also dis-closed that the Government is reviewing the assisted area gradings for those areas which will be affected by the steel plant closure plans.

I hope that as soon as possible after final decisions have been reached by the BSC, following the necessary consultations with the union. I shall be able to make an announcement on the result of this review",

He notes that additional aid of £48m has been allocated for remedial measures in the South Wales region. In north Wales, where the Shotton steel-

the areas have been upgraded ndustrial Editor to special development status.

Plans are proceeding, he says,
Prospects for more than for the acquisition and development of industrial sites. An initial wave of advance factory construction is being made by the Welsh Development Agency and the Cumbran Development Corporation. Sir Keith holds out hopes of securing further EEC assistance in the light of plans to provide further benefits to encourage steelworkers

to retire early.

Sir Keith, in his letter, underlining the strong support the Government is giving to the corporation's retrenchment plan and says that its target production of 15 million tonnes of steel with three million tonnes in reserve is much in line with departmental fore-

"It would be no service to the long-term interest of Wales nor to the many thousands de-pendent on BSC for their livelehood if the Government were to ignore the economic realities facing the corpora-

tion," he says.

Referring to the effect of steel closures on the coal in-dustry, Sir Keith states that he considers that the implications for the South Wales coalfield will not be as drastic as union leaders have maintained.
Unions, he says, will be able

to make representations about possible closures through established procedures for reviewing the future of collieries. The Government, he says, will lose no opportunity of exploring Community means of providing United Kingdom coking coal works is to close, a further with a more stable competitive £15m is being provided and position.

No 'intolerable' gap if 'sus' law goes

Home Office administrators admitted to MPs yesterday that would not create an intolerable gap in the law. The Home Office will consider changes once the views of a report by the Law Commission and the committee on which the MPs were sitting are made known. Five members of the Home Office were giving evidence to the subcommittee on race re-lations and immigration, part of the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. The subcommittee is hearing evidence on the "sus" law, which is de-rived from the nineteenth-century Vagrancy Act. The law makes it are offence to be a suspected person.

The civil servants were criti-

yesterday denied a report in the made.

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bers were demanding large pay increases and said that the

main points made in the article

Suggestions that executives

were seeking rises of £250 a

week were described by Mr

Robert Scholey, the corpora-tion's chief executive, as "abso-

lutely untrue". Remuneration

foundation "

cized yesterday for being slow to recognize the difficulties surrounding the law and the wording of their written evidence, which one MP said was a tacit acceptance of the police

The Home Office's written evidence said facts about the involvement of ethnic communities with the law were not con clusive. It would be wrong to change the "sus" law in isola

Mr A. Brennan, deputy secretary of the Criminal department at the Home Office, told the committee that the law on attempted offences (or specific offences such as tampering with a car) would go some way to fill gaps should the "sus" law be abolished.

Pay demand by steel executives denied

the public sector corporations,

and in the judiciary and the Armed Services, are the subject

of regular surveys by the Re-view Body on Top Salaries. Chairmen and other board

members in nationalized indus-

tries are due to receive the

third instalment of increases

'It must be like springtime in Siberia 'RAC says, as snow and ice block roads in the North

Third SAS death on mountain prompts inquiry by MP

A Conservative MP said yesterday that he would ask the Ministry of Defence to explain why three soldiers, members of the Special Air Service Regiment, had died within a year during training exercises on the Brecon Beacons, in Wales.

The body of Trooper Lawrence John Conner, aged 26, was discovered yesterday by an army helicopter less than two miles from the point where he had started out on a night navigarional exercise. It is believed that Trooper

Conner married with no child-ren and from the London area, died within a short time of serting out on a 10-kilometre march in very bad weather, with temperatures well below freezing. The Ministry of Defence, who would not reveal his address confirmed lass night. who would not reveal his address, confirmed last night

that Trooper Conner was attached to the 21st Special Air Service Regiment of the Terri-torial Army.

Mr Thomas Hooson, MP for Brecon and Radnor, said last night: "I have to be very concerned over this series of deaths. Training for the SAS is necessarily rigorous, and that has to be understood. Neverthe less, it does seem that there are people pushing themselves beyond reasonable limits. I shall be asking the ministry to explain these circumstances. An army spokesmen said: "Such exercises are a neces-

sary part of training. We can not just train soldiers on a Bank holiday afternoon when there are no clouds in the sky. You have to train in all weather conditions."

Trooper Connor, who was carrying a survival kit and rations, had apparently made no effort to shield himself

from the storm blowing down from the 2,900-foot peak. Almost two years ago Major Michael Kealy, of the SAS, died during a 37-mile march across the same mountain range and in similar weather. He set out without foul weather equipment and had seemed determined to complete the course ahead of recruits who were be-ing considered for the service. He had been awarded the DSO for bravery in the Oman in 1972

buring the inquest on Corporal Knott, Mr Trevor Evans, the South Powys Coroner, or-

Last August Corporal Robert-Knott collapsed and died dur-ing an SAS selection march on the Brecon Beacons, where the recruits had to strongle

dered senior army officers to report to him on what plans they had to prevent the deaths of soldiers in training.

At the inquest an SAS major identified only by number said:
"We are satisfied there is a

against the Queen's enemies and in the long term a selection procedure like this saves lives". Cold spell goes on: Strong north-easterly winds and snow kept Britain shivering yesterday (the Press Association reports). The North was worst affected with several roads blocked by snow and ice, but the bitter winds also brought

snow flurries as far south as Segenoaks, in Kent. The port of Dover was battered by storm force 10 gales, which delayed shipping. Several main roads in Cumbria and South Yorkshire were

blocked and in West Yorkshire

In the Pennines roads blocked need for exercises like this by snow included the A57 Snake Soldiers have to work in dan Pass, the A624 Glossop to gerous conditions on their own. Chapelen-le-Frith and A628 not just against the weather but Penrith to Alston. The AA warned drivers of high-sided vehicles to take great care because of strong cross-winds on The RAC said: "With spring

flowers being crushed in inches of snow and ice, spring lambs being frozen by icy blasts and rinks overnight, it must be a bit like springtime in Seberia". The London Weather Centre said: "The weather is being determined by very cold northeasterly winds which have drawn in key air from northern Europe. "Over the next few days the weather will stay very cold, with temperatures picking up a little in the South and staying mainly dry". 50-60 mph speed restrictions

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Top Tories gather to reassure the faithful

From Michael Harfield

The Prime Minister and eight ministers are to descend on the Tory seaside stronghold of Bournemouth today and to-morrow to assuage feelings of unrest among the party's faith-

Motions tabled at the two-day meeting of the Conservative Central Council, a gathering of agents, constituency chairmen and other activists. show that there is impatience in the ranks with certain aspects of government policy. Failure to oil the

machine at this level could in the long run turn a minister into a Charlie Chaplin, caught up in the cogs of disillusion. For that reason ministers know that they have a hard message to get across to the party professionals. Communication is one of the

complaints. A motion to be debated today points to "the apparent lack of communication and understanding between the party and the electorate."
Proposed by the Yeovil Conservetive Association, it asks the Government "to make greater and more effective use of every means at its disposal to explain, simply, its prin-ciples and policy and the reasons for them, to bring a preater awareness of many of problems the country is

The debate is to be answered by Mr Angus Maude,



Mr Richard Butler: "In-

Subsidy for lamb to rise by 11pc

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Government subsidies which protect farmers against low prices for lamb are to be increased by 11 per cent at the end of the month. The subsidies lie at the heart of the dispute about British sales of lamb in

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a parliamentary written reply yesterday that the Govtinue the sheep subsidy scheme because the EEC had failed to include sheep in the common agricultural policy. 🐬

Guarantee payments on lamb will rise by 15p a kilogram to £1.55, and on wool by 3p to £1.15. Mr Richard Butler, presiy Our Industrial Editor matter for the Government, he the review body is making a The British Steel Corporation said, and no demands had been further study. dent of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, said that the increases were Payment of the third and the salary of British Steel's chairman from £44,000 to £48,000 and the chief execu-"I do not believe that the

Government has met its obligations to the sheep industry, he said. "The industry would really have been in a bad mess if we had not had the guarantee scheme in the past year."

reflected the decline in the uptake of whooping cough vaccine since 1974. There were twelve deaths in 1978, compared The system of subsidizing sheep farmers by topping up market prices to a guaranteed level with government funds is one of the last relics of the deficiency payments scheme which operated in Britain before entry to the EEC.

The scheme has been retained for sheep because EEC min-isters have been unable after years of wrangling to adopt a common organization for the market in the meat of sheep and goats which would protect farmers throughout the Com-

France uses the British system of subsidy payments to justify its barriers against imports of British lamb. It says that the subsidies give pro-tection to British farmers which is not available elsewhere.

Mr Butler said yesterday that leaders of the NFU faced mounting pressure from some county branches for retaliation against French barriers against lamb imports. He said after a meeting of the council of the union in London: "We have had a number of resolutions demanding that we press for action against French imports such as apples, cheese and

Five years ago NFU members picketed harbours in an effort to stop the import of cattle from the Irish Republic. Mr Butler said that the union would not hesitate to seek direct government aid to match that given to farmers in other EEC countries.

University chief who 'prostituted reputation' fined in heating case

'Dr Edward Trevor Stringer, aged 51, who has been suspended for a year from his post as scientific director of meteorology and climatology at Birming-ham University, was told by Judge Potter in Birmingham Crown Court yesterday: "You have utterly prostituted your reputation as a man of science

Dr Stringer, of Wheatmoor Rise, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, was found guilty on eight charges of supplying or offering to supply goods to which a false trade description was applied. He was found nor guilty on

four similar charges and one of making a false statement that he was allowed to use the name of the university in promotional material. All the charges were brought under the Trade Descriptions Act.

Dr Stringer, who was said to be now financially crippled, was fined a total of £200 on two specimen charges and given a conditional discharge for two years on the others.

The case, which West Midlands County Council said was

the first of its kind in Britain. concerned solar heating equip-Dr Stringer and John Arthur

Pepper, a Yorkshire business-man, made claims in their advertising which they could not substantiate, it was alleged. High pressure advertising from the company headquarters of Sunwarm Solar Systems Ltd, of

Big increase

poisoning both reached higher

levels in 1978 than at any time

since the late 1950s, according to a report on infectious diseases published yesterday.

The annual total of 65,957 notifications of whooping cough was the highest since 1957 and

with seven in 1977 and three in

Notifications of food poison-

ing in 1978 reached 9,741, the

highest total since 1959. The

biggest absolute increase in

frequency of one particular type was that for salmonella

badar, which is closely asso-

A sports and swimming pool complex at Bury St Edmunds,

Suffolk, was severely damaged

by fire yesterday in spite of the efforts of more than 70 firemen

and 13 appliances from six

brigades. The centre, which opened five

vears ago, included two swim-

ming pools, three squash courts, badminton and basketball courts

and a restaurant. Two firemen overcome by smoke were taken to hospital.

Prince Andrew has successfully completed his training with Royal Marine Young Officers, which includes commando course tests. He is to

Prince's green beret

Blaze damages

sports centre

in whooping

cough cases

Correspondent

By Our Health Services

It used the academic status of Dr Stringer, and people were persuaded to pay hundreds of pounds for installations which, it was claimed, would save money on water heating. Tests on the equipment showed it was incapable of meeting the claims. A Birmingham University Official said last night that the result of the trial would probably be reported to the univer-sity council next Wednesday. The council suspended Dr The council suspended Dr Stringer and it was a matter for them what other action, if any, was taken. The council had the power of dismissal.

At the start of the case Judge Potter issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Mr Pepper, who was said to be working in Nigeria.

Mr Raymond Sears, QC, for

the defence of Dr Stringer, said the verdicus might well cause difficulties for his academic future. His whole life was in collapse

Judge Potter said to Dr Stringer: "I recognize full-Stringer: "I recognize fully your quite distinguished academic past and your good service to a fine university. You saw fit to ally yourself with a collection of business people for cashing in on a very simple. device which was not even an original nor particulary clever.
"Other people brought in extremely sharp and shady business methods. You were too naive to see that what you, fordshire.

and it took it that Dr Stringer early in 1976. He told the court:
"I think I was there purely to use my name for advertising and I took it that Dr Stringer. was there as the man who knew the technical side of the

The judge added that Dr.

ruined yourself by your folly."

system .

Mr Lorimer said he took no part in running the business. He had lost £10,000, having signed certain guarantees.

Lord Hunter, Vice-Chancellor Birmingham University, said evidence that at no time did Dr Stringer apply to use the university's name in connexion with eny business activity, although he was allowed to set up a private consultancy.

Later Mrs Joan Seccombe, chairman of the West Midlands trading standards committee been issued against another company involving cases in Manchester, Sussex and Bed-

brought to the enterprise was was also under investigation.

Dairies deny shielding doorstep de By Hugh Clayton the policy was intended to safe Most of guard the doorstep delivery. Agriculture Correspondent Two of the largest dairy marketing manager of Express companies in Britain agreed Dairies, said that bottles de-Mr Ian Bartlett, divisional

Select Committee on Agricul-ture that Unigate and Express Dairies had refused to supply bottled milk to members of the association between June, 1979, and last month.

He rejected the dairy companies' claim that they operated the policy because fewer bordes

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Mr Jackson spoke at a long session of the committee at which grocers expressed dis-satisfaction with the milk delivery system and said that they wanted changes. Britain is one of the last countries where most milk is delivered to housethe poncy because rewer bottles were recovered from shops than from doorstep sales. Mr Jackson said he believed most milk is delivered to house-holds rather than sold in shops.

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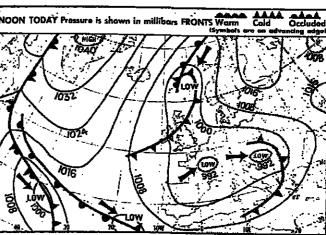
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Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of snow; wind variable, light; max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 37°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll: Snow showers, few sunny intervals; wind variable, light to moderate: max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 37°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Snow 7.1 am 7.16 pm Moon rises: 12.12 am 9.55 am First quarter: March 23. Lighting up: 7.46 pm to 6.29 am. High water: London Bridge 5.49 am, 7.5 m; 6.19 pm, 7.2 m. Avonmouth 11.26 am, 13.1 m; 11.38 pm, 12.4 m. Dover 2.47 am, 6.7 m; 3.11 pm, 6.4 m. Hull 10.18 am, 7.2 m; 10.34 pm, 7.3 m. Liverpool 3.9 am, 9.3 m; 3.30 pm, 9.3 m. 1 ft = 0.3048 m 1 m = 3.2808 ft A trough of low pressure will be slow moving over N England.
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Orkney, Shetland: Snow showers, few sunny intervals; wind S, moderate, backing E, fresh; max temp 2°C (36°F).

N Ireland: Snow showers, sunny intervals; wind N, becoming variable, moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F). (37°F), Outlook for tomorrow and

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Some sleet or snow in places but also some sunshine; becoming less cold later.
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tive's salary from £3,000 to £37,000. Other board members

Mr Scholey said that the

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ted with the strike over pay by corporation workers and was

salaries will also rise.

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Union officials left yester-

wage costs next year of only 11 sions it took were likely to have

may depend on productivity

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Tom Jackson, general sec-retary of the union, has said that the corporation had budgeted for an increase in per cent. He told the conference in Bournemouth that the decigreat bearing on the pay nego-

It told union negotiators that because a conference this week of the Union of Post Office Workers rejected virtually all

some of the productivity pro-

Pay negotiations on a 20 per cent claim by 140,000 postal workers will be resumed during the next few days. Yesterday the Post Office refused to make

aspects of a proposed produc-tivity plan, it wanted more time to consider the implications on the annual pay deal, which is due to be settled by next month. day's talks with the impression that the corporation might want to make part of the pay offer conditional on acceptance of

receive his green beret at a passing-out parade at Lymp-stone today. Wife aged 82 faces jail over man's cash

Mrs Ada Carter, aged 82, who is housebound, faces the threat of jail in a week's time if she does not hand over to her husband £230 he has saved to help to pay for his funeral. John Arnold, President of

the Family Division of the High

Court, was told yesterday that when Henry Carter, aged 83, parted from his wife she kept

Avenue, Wood Green, London, obtained a court order last year directing his wife, who lives at Victoria Road, Wood Green, to hand over the property.

The order applies to a tea set,

Carter, as well as the money.

The jury went off to spend its
fourth night in special accommodation.

It retired on Monday after a nine-week trial and has so far reached verdicts on 19 of 22 the lake, aged 31, of Camberley, Surrey; and Stephen Waterman,

Mr Carter, of Lymington Carter had not complied with the order. Her husband sought to have her committed to prison. The judge added: "I have never committed a lady of

82. It is to be avoided if possible."

He made an order committing dinner service, bedroom suite Mrs Carter to prison but suspended it for seven days to give and tools belonging to Mr her a chance to hand over her The judge was told that Mrs

More Hell's angels found guilty Four more Hell's Angels were defendants, who deny riotously aged 22, of Park Road. South-tound guilty by a jury at Windstern Crown Court yesterday ing members of the Windsor of riotous assembly and assault. Chapter of the Hell's Angels in three others not guilty. three others not guilty and three others not guilty.

A charge of attempted murder against Kenneth Littlefield, aged 25, of Wimbledon Close, Camberley, and Royston Tompkins of Cadnam Close, Aldershot, has still to be decided by the jury.

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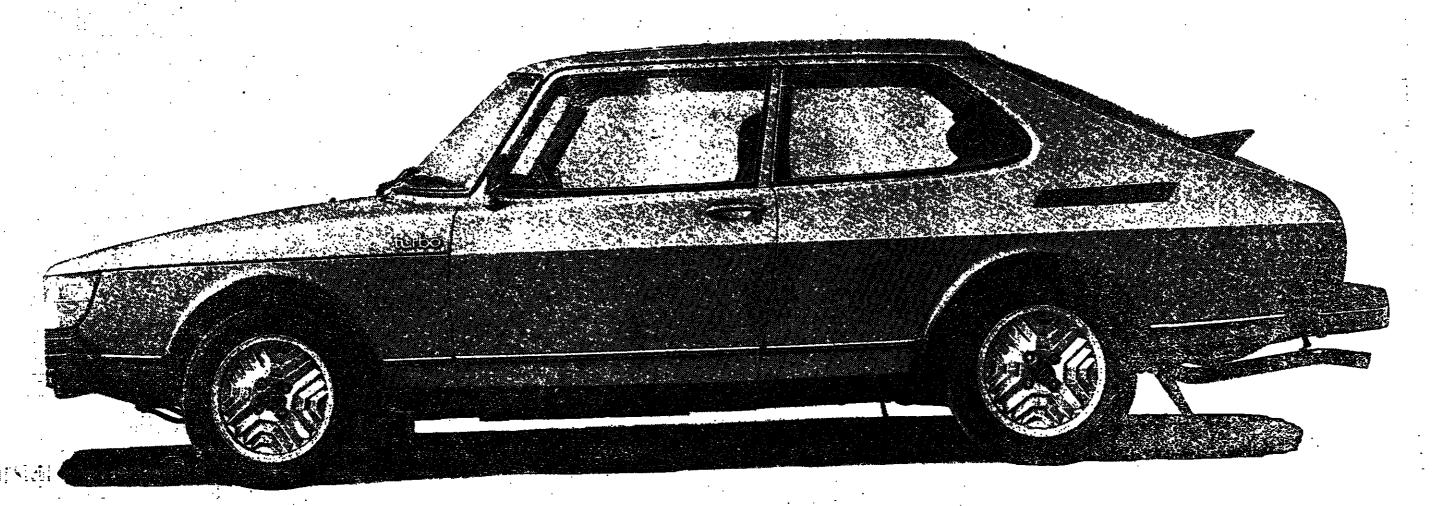
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Mock war will involve drafting 30,000 troops to Germany and a nuclear 'threat' to Britain

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

An £8.5m military exercise, the biggest of its kind since the Second World War, will be held on Britain and West Germany September. About 30,000 proops, including nearly 20,000 part timers from the Territorial Army, will be drafted across the Channel to reinforce the British Army of the Rhine

(BAOR). Then BAOR will fight a mock battle after an "enemy offen-sive" launched against the West

than a year. Details have not been previously announced berne Army has been waiting for final approval before going ahead with it. Whitehall sources described

it last night as the most comprehensive test for many years of Britain's contingency plans for mobilization, reinforcement BAOR, and defence of the United Kingdom.

The exercise will consist of three separate parts, code-insmed by the sporty terms of Square Leg. Jog Trot and Spearpoint. The battle phase, pearpoint, will involve three

rules 'havoc'

The Government's proposed new building control regula-

tions would increase costs and

Helays, and could cause havoc, the Royal Institute of British

Architects claimed yesterday.

The Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations, 1980, which were laid before Parliament

earlier this month, have already been criticized by leaders of the construction industry as

Announcing a "vigorous

campaign" to oppose the regulations, the institute pointed out that it had not objected

to the introduction of charges

for building control, provided it could be shown that they

were reasonable and that their

introduction would save money

bureaucratic delays and incon

However, the Government's proposals were little more than

an expedient measure to cut public expenditure, which in-

creased both the true cost and

the inconvenience to the indus-

ments for the processing of plans and the inspection of

work on site would be made to the local authority.

Under the regulations, pay-

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By Our Planning Reporter

Architects

fear new

American division and a West German armoured brigade, in addition to other troops from Celgium and Holland.

It is the mobilization and reinforcement phases of the operation that are likely to attract most interest, however, because of the numbers

An appeal to employers to release members of the Terri-torial Army to take part in insader has received a helpful response and was rein-forced yesterday by a plea from the Prime Minister. The co-The Ministry of Defence has been planning the exercise, called Crusader-80, for more than a year. Derails have mirments with the volunteer reserve forces of all the Ser-

> Regular reinforcements from the Army's 6th Field Force in Britain will be moved to West Germany between September 1 and 11, to be followed by the TA volunteers, who will travel during the weekend of September 13-15

> Some of the troops will travel on scheduled Sealink Channel ferries, but only in small num-bers, so there is no danger of causing inconvenience to civilian passengers.

ships and aircraft or by specially chartered transport, including two passenger vessels and two freighters which have been hired from a Danish company. Ministry sources said that every effort had been made to find a British company, but without

success. There will be more than 40 sailings from Immingham, Felixstowe Harwich, Dover and Southampton, and aircraft will fly from Belfast, Glasgow, Edin-burgh, Teesside, Manchester, Luton, Heathrow, Gatwick, RAF RAF

Norton and Lyneham.
Crusader will require troop to prepare for a nuclear bomb ing of Britain, a limited use of chemical warfare by the "enemy" in Germany, and the threat to Britain from subver-

sion and sabotage. The Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, which have separate exercises at the same time, will play only a limited role in Crusader.

Only the Army's Eastern and North Eastern Districts will be involved in troop manoeuvres during the "battle for Britain part of the exercise. The others will be involved only in com-mand post operations, largely fighting the enemy on paper

BMA team to survey doctors' difficulties

Correspondent

London's health care difficulties of crowded surgeries, aging family doctors and a large influx of summer tourists are to be considered by a team set up by the British Medical Association,

The team will also consider the pressure on space in Harley Street, where lawyers and accountants are moving into premises formerly used by

Dr John Havard, secretary of the association, said yesterday that pressure of space was likely to grow because of the greater opportunities to private work provided by the consultants' new contract.

"But we have noticed that lawvers and accountants are beginning to buy premises in the area. There have been cases where other professions have moved into premises that were used by doctors". The association wanted to keep Harley Street as a medical precinct because of its international reputation, Dr Havard said.
The team will concentrate on the long-standing difficulties of

inner London health care. One is the age of its general practitioners. Dr John Dawson, head of the team, said that 26 per cent of London's GPs were over 60, compared to 13 per cent

" Moreover, 8.5 per cent are over 70, compared with 2.6 per cent nationally. Only 10 per cent are under 35, while the proportion nationally is 18 per

Although the ratio of doctors to patients in London was better than elsewhere, with doctors' lists averaging 1,785, compared with 2,200 nationally, it was thought that patients visited their doctors more frequently and the doctors' workloads were heavier. London also had to cope with

a large influx of tourists every year. In the summer of 1978, 8,500,000 tourists stayed 63 milkon nights in London.

The team would also draw up the BMA's response to two recent reports, the Flowers committee report on the future of London's medical schools and the London Health Planning Consortium report on the pro-visions of health care in the

He said yesterday that he proposed to print the report and have it circulated to all constituency organizations and affiliated organizations, so that they could be alerted to the secret infiltration tactics of the Trotskyists.

Any fees that he received for television or radio interviews would be used to meet his costs. Since some members of the NEC have challenged the authenticity of the 400 pages of background material, Lord Underfull gave a detailed account of meetings he had held with three disaffected members of the Militant Tendency, who had confirmed its prize He

who had confirmed its origin. He declined to name his sources.

While Lord Underhill rejected the idea of a witchhunt or mass expulsions from the party—he thought a party upheaval would be damaging—he said the NEC was the guardian of the party constitution and it should make clear

stitution and it should make clear that it could not tolerate within the party an organization which, although it was careful not to have

membership cards, nevertheless had its own branches, regional conferences, a national "set up" and printing works, and whose leaders had said on television that they had about 60 full-time staff.

They comprised central office staff, regional organizers and a large number of paper sellers. "They claim all this themselves", Lord Underhill said. "How that can be allowed to exist within the democratic structure of the Labour Party I find year, difficult to under-

Party I find very difficult to under-

stand."
Replying to questions about the strength of the Militant Tendency.
Lord Underhill said he doubted whether it had more than 2,000 fully accepted members, but it had "contact members" the Militants were "working on".
He did not believe the Militants would take over the Labour Party, but they had an influence in about sixty constituency parties and

sixty constituency parties, and they had completely taken over

the Labour Party Young Socialists.
One disaffected member had reported attending an annual conference of the Tendency when 500 members and "comacts" were

present.

Asked why he was worried about the impact of 2,000 people on a party with a total membership, with trade union affiliates, of nearly seven million, he replied:

"First, there is a party constitution and it ought to be upheld by the national executive. It is not only the guardian of conference decisions, it is also the guardian of the constitution. That makes it clear that an organization with its own branches and its own propa-

own branches and its own propa-

Labour urges West Europe dialogue £10 ticket

Eurocommunism gets a cautious welcome

By Ian Bradley A pamphlet published by the Labour Party yesterday gives a cautious welcome to the so-called Eurocommunism and calls for a dialogue between

The discussion pamphlet which does not represent official party policy, says that the crisis of capitalism is too big for any country in Europe totackle alone.

West Europe.

It concludes: need to be put forward at least on the scale of West Europe, and are likely to emerge only from a dialogue in which all the important socialist forces of West Europe take part. We can hardly deny a place among those forces to the Communist parties of Italy, France and

In his introduction, Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, and chairman of the West Europe subcommittee, of the party's national executive committee, which drew up the pamphlet, dates the origins Eurocommunism to the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia He writes: "A number of European Communist parties

simply could not accept the Soviet leaders' arguments, and increasingly distanced them tions. selves from Soviet policies. In the process they have revised many of their theoretical con-cepts and fully accepted pluralism in politics, together with the democratic parliamentary path to socialism.

The pamphlet examines the phenomenon of Eurocommunism in France, Italy and Spain. In the two latter countries, at least, it finds the policies of the Communist parties to be more right-wing than those of the British Labour Party.

It expresses serious reservations about the extent to which West European Communists cooperate and enter into coalitions with "bourgeois" parties. There was an understandable slight sense of embarrassment at the press conference held at the House of Commons to launch the pamphlet that it

should have been published on the same day as the Underhill report on Trotskyist "entryism" into the Labour Party.

Mr Heffer, who referred dis-paragingly to the "Underhand report" went out of his way went out of his way report ' to reject the idea that the Labour Party should develop closer contacts with the British Communist Party or other farleft groups.

He emphasized that the European communist parties were mass parties commanding the support of a wide proportion of the electorate. "They can be feared or admired but they be feared or admired but they cannot be ignored", he said.



Mr Eric Heffer: "Crisis too big to tackle alone."

He was cautious about how far discussions with Eurocommunists should go and said that they should take place only with parties that were fully demo-cratic and accepted the idea of a free press and free institu-

"We are not advocating formal discussions", he said, "but an extension of the informal contacts with European communists that already exist at party conferences and other

MP for Lambeth, Vauxhall, and one of the authors of the pamphlet, accepted that there were some difficulties in persuading the average British Labour voter that it was a good move to open a dialogue with Com-

"But if, as a Labour move ment, we are not in effective dialogue with the European left but only with a fraction of it. we cannot hope to solve the great problems of multinational

The pamphlet comes out clearly against Eastern Euro-pean communism. "We should tell the Soviet, East German, Polish, Czech and other Communist Party leaders that as long as they refuse democracy. while we seek to live in peace with them, we cannot be expec-ted to go beyond that", it Mr Heffer says in his intro-

duction: ject the bureaucratic societies of the Communist countries and equally, the unbridled, competitive capitalist systems of West Europe.

The Dilemma of Eurocommunism (Labour Party, 144-152 Walworth Road, London, SE17 iJT; 80p).

covers 250 historic houses

By John Young
Planning Reporter
A £10 "season ricket" intro-

duced yesterday will entitle holders to visit more than 250 historic houses and gardens in England and Wales at no extra

The scheme has been devised by the Historica Houses Association and most of the receipts will be used to further the association's work in advising owners on conservation, taxation and opening to the public. Those paying the £10 annual subscription will be classed as Friends of the association and will receive a card giving them-free admission at any time during normal opening hours to houses and gardens, but not necessarily to extraneous attrac tions such as game parks
Among the houses included the scheme are Badminton, Beaulieu, Blenbeim, Broad-lands, Castle Howard, Goodwood, Longleat, Luton Hoo, Mentmore, Parham and Warwick Castle. Special tours will be arranged to houses not generally open to the public. Details and application forms can be obtained from The Historic Houses Association,

Decision on teach pay claim postpon

Teachers' leaders and employers' representatives yester that month. The't day agreed to postpone a a combined increadecision on the teachers claim for a salary increase from April 1 until after publication of the Clegg commission's report on their pay.

The teachers had presented a claim for an increase, based on earnings index over the previous Minister by the 12 months. That was to be paid month. Publication top of any award arising follow early next to the previous month. the movement of the average from the commission's comparability study. The index stands at 19.9 per cent.

At a meeting yesterday of the £44m a year. In it Burnham Committee, the support grant to national negotiating body on ties, the Government teachers' pay, union leaders spoke of the strong feelings of frustration and discontent an unknown amo among their members because to be 15-20 per c of the delay in the Clegg award.
They urged employers to reach
immediate agreement on the
principles on which the April increase should be based.

The local authority repre-sentatives said they understood the patience the teachers had shown. However they said they could not agree at that stage to a claim that could not be costed. The size of the Clegg award had to be known first. Membership Department, PO Box 53, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4UZ.

It was agreed that the committee should meet again on April 17, 18, 23 and 25 in an

attempt to conci tions on the Cleg the 1980 claim by

salaries of 55 per c They had hor interim award from January 1, but the did not complete ary studies in til on teachers' pay

The employers ! every 1 per cent the teachers will for only a 13 per living increase or awards arising fro Local authorities for any higher wag either by increasi or by cutting of spending. Jobs wil at risk.

The National A Schoolmasters Uni Teachers, the seco the teachers uniyesterday's Burnl was "one of the for many years been predictable for it said.

Exam for pupils of average ability is proposed

By Our Education Correspondent

" intermediate " examination, pitched about half way betweeen O and A level, is proposed by the Schools Council in a report published today.

It would be designed primarily for pupils of average abilty, who have obtained perhaps some higher grade GCE O level or CSE grade 1 results and who wish to pursue their studies for a further two years, but who do not intend to go on into higher education.

At present such pupils often combine the study of one or two A levels with repeat O level or CSE examinations, and possibly Alternative O level (AO) or the still avantages. or the still experimental Cerrificate of Extended Education (CEE) courses, the report says, by a Schools Council working party. Many pupils do not find their

A level syllabuses rewarding or relevant to their needs, and they leave dispirited and disillusioned with little to show for two years' work. They need i more appropriate target for their post-16 studies. The pro-posed "intermediate" examinaposed "intermediate" examina-tion could fill that gap, the

The proposed one-year CEE course should be introduced alongside the two-year "intermediate" course to provide primarily for pupils of slightly lower ability, those obtaining CSE grades 2-4, who wish to improve their basic and general improve their basic and general education and perhaps include some vocational options, it says. The Schools Council believes

sixth-form pupils. General studies can perform an impor tant integrating and balancing role in post-16 education, it The report also calls for im-provement in the GCE A level including a reduction in the number and variety of sylla-

that a general studies course should be compulsory for all

buses. Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has been considering the Schools Council's proposals since the report was submitted to him last December. It is up to him to decide whether any changes should be made in the public examinations system. Secondary examinations post-16

a programme of improvement (Central Dispatch Section, Schools Council, 160 Great Portland Street, Loudon, W1N GLL, free).

Apology t by ministe over trans

By Our Political An apology for Commons that on eight education a Wales was propos for transporting dren when the four has been in Mark Carlisle, QC, State for Education Mr Dafydd W Cymru MP for Car suggested that a sources should be able by the Govern of the "chaos" c defeat in the Hous Mr Carlisle ha answer to discomb much to the enjoy servative backbe Wigley claims th the issue in the nedd was one of the caught short by

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Lord Underhill attacks Labour's NEC for failing to act on 'entry isr that might be carried on 'by any riot shields.

parts of the work would be covered by the regulations, the protest against Government had created a situation in which both the short tenancies applicant and the authority

would have to waste their time and other people's money in The scope for delay, expense and eccentric interpretation would apear to bep infinite, the

£38,000 art theft Pinkney Hall, north Norfolk, the home of Mr Anthony Duck-worth Chad, was broken into carly yesterday. Paintings and silverware value at £38,000 were

Law centres join Bur in failing to define which

By Our Planning Reporter The Law Centres Federation resterday added its voice to those of the critics of the Government's proposal to in-troduce "shorthold" private tenancies under the Housing Bill, now before Parliament. The federation said that protection given to tenants by the rent Acts would be undermined. People who signed shorthold agreements, many of whom would have no choice, would

not be able to get their homes repaired, would be forced to pay high rents and would be regularly uprooted.

BR sceptical over cut-price Channel tunnel plan

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent
The proposal for a cut price
Channel tunnel by a consortium
including Costain, the building
group, was received with group, was received with scepticism by British Rail vesterday. It said: "Costain let us have a copy of their proposal a formight ago. We are still studying it, but the steeper

gradients would appear to cause operational problems."

The consortium proposes cutting the cost of the tunnel from about £650m to £540m by reducing its length from 50 to 36km. That would entail steeper gradients from the underwater level to the surface and additional locomotives that

of public money was welcomed in Brussels yesterday. But there were doubts at the EEC Commission over his reference to further studies. It is felt the time has come for a decision.

There is enthusiasm in Parls too, except at the highest level. President Giscard d'Estaing is said to be prepared, in the light EEC budget contributions, to oppose a tunnel with at least as great force as Britain seeks to

The Union of European Railwould accumulate power on the down grade and use it on extra haulage on the upgrade.

way Industries in Paris said it was delighted with Mr Fowler's statement.

Columnist drops action

Mr Nigel Dempster, editor of documentary screened in The Ar Nigel Dempster, editor of the Daily Mail diary, yesterday summer of '76 series. Abandoned a High Court action in which he was claiming £7,402 from the BBC.

Mr Dempster had claimed that he was tricked on television into repeating a libel the proceedings.

that he was tricked on televis-ion into repeating a libel against Lord Wigg which had already cost him £5,000 in

He also said that Mr Harry Weisbloom, a BBC producer, had promised to edit out any-thing libellous in the offending interview, which he gave for a which it did,

the proceedings.

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, told the judge: "Mr Dempster, having heard Mr Weisbloom's evidence, accepts that Mr Weis bloom said no more than that

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By George Clark ganda cannot be affiliated to the party. "Secondly, the Militant Ten-Political Correspondent Lord Underhill, the former national agent of the Labour and difficulties in some constitu-

report and background docu-"Thirdly, and this is the most "Thirdly, and this is the most important consideration, unless the Labour Party makes it absolutely clear where the polemics of the Militant Tendency disagree with our principles of democratic socialism, the Tendency will be an electoral handicap.

"Vast numbers of people who usually support Labour will want to know where the Labour Party stands in relation to the tendency, its activities and its intervention". ments on the infiltration of local parties by the Trotskyist, Militant Tendency. Militant Tendency.

Attacking Labour's national executive for taking no action against the "entryism". Lord Underhild, who served the Labour Party for 46 years, claimed that the party's constitution was being flouted and that great damage was being done to the party electorally by the presence of about 2,000 people who were committed to changing society by revolutionary methods.

its activities and its intervention "Some of the Militant Tendency people are energetic, acrive party workers, but you can be a hard worker with the wrong intention." he said methods.

The national executive had repeatedly refused to publish the documents. The NEC's February meeting decided that Lord Underhill should be allowed to publish his report (including more recent information on the Militant Tendency), but at his own expense.

He said preference that he pro-

nard worker with the wrong in-tentions", he said.

It was one thing to have pres-sure groups within the party and to welcome constructive criticism, but it was quite another thing to have an organization within the party ranks which operated in

party ramks which operated in secret and determined the direction of the party.

His aim was to make local parties and trade unions aware of the Tendency's activities in the hope that they would take action to "neutralize" the effect of the Trotskvists. It was possible that "entryism" would be dealt with at the party's annual conference

at the party's annual conference this year.

"So long as Marxists accept the democratic and pluralistic nature of society, and the principles of parliamentary democracy, there is no harm in their being members of the Labour Party."

He thought publicity given to his views in the media would lead Labour Party members and trade unionists to oppose more effectively the ideas of the Trotskyisrs. He agreed that action could be He agreed that action could be

witch hunt

on the committee take the sameview as me.
"Some members of he NEC
have said that the Militant Tendency people are so boring, so
puerile, that it will just fade
away. I do not believe it will
fade away. It took some of us
over four years, from 1960 to 1964,
to convince the national executive
that the Kenn Late agrantiation

Equally, the executive could wind up the youth movement; as had happened in the past, or it could reorganize the Young Socialists, but that was not the attitude. The mass of documents which Lord Underhill issued as back-ground to his report shows the

strong impact of the Militant Ten-dency on the Labour and trade union movement in relation to its

rate agreed that action could be taken under clause 2 of the party's constitution against the Militant Tendency, or he clause could be changed, but he preferred the method of defeating the "entry-ists" by force or argument.

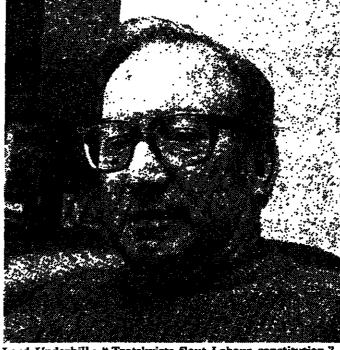
No wish to see a

"I do not want to see a nation-wide witchhunt", he said, but he did not want the present attitude of tolerance to continue.
"The national executive should take more interest in the activities of the Military Tendency, and of the Militant Tendency, and make it quite clear that a majority on the committee take the same.

that the keep Left organization were not just a hadmless, left-wing pressure group, but that they were in the Workers' Revolutionary

size.

The documents date from 1974 to 1978, and the influence of the Militant group has increased since



Lord Underhill: "Trotskyists flout Labour constitution."

then. The organized groups within most Labour parties and unions are small, but they thrive on the tractivity of the "moderates". in 1975 the group's bulletin recorded that the caucus in the engineering unions was "attended by 10 cumrades", in the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union caucus there were 11. in the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs 12, and in the railway unions the active membership agerial. Staffs 12, and in the rail-way unions the active membership of the caucus was two in the National Union of Railwaymen, one in the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fire-men and 11 in the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (four of whom were non-railway).

A report from east Wales in February, 1978, said that the Militanus had supporters in nine of the 16 constituency Labour " Where , we have supporters "Where we have supporters there is a general tendency for the party to have some life. Some of the parties . . . are virtually post-mortem cases. In these parties we have adopted a policy of only playing a watching brief, protecting the youth branch, watching for any new people, and just ticking over." But where we found ourselver.

"But where we found ourselves in a dead party branch in a good area we have been able to take control and build it." In west Wales, during the same period, it was reported: "The Labour Party was dying on its feet, with attendances falling. feet, with attendances falling. Thus we decided to reorient our supporters into doing more open work." Sales of the paper Milliant had increased and brought in new contacts. Other left-wing "sects" including the Socialist Workers Party, had disappeared.

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men to lead the way to breaking the 10 per cent barrier."

The Militani's support for strikers won new adherents, as did attacks on them by Labour Party "moderates". Looking back over 1977-78, the Tendency's general report says: "The attacks on us have done nothing but good in terms of stiffening our comrades, increasing our size, our paper sales and our influence inside the Labour movement and making us a nationally known force. . . "It is not excluded that there will be another attempted witchhunt, probably after the election. But all our experiences show that Marxism cannot be suppressed by organizational measures. On the contrary, each attack will increase our support."

Young Socialists completely controlled

The Tendency does not under-play its influence on the Labour Party Young Socialists, where it has dominated policy-making and has dominated policy-making and the official structure for several years. But it is not so happy about progress within the trade unions, and it attacks the TUC leadership for its collaboration with the Labour Government in carrying out policies dictated by big business. business.

In Scotland, however, the Tendency claims to have made great headway. "Mass party work has been extremely successful, as supporters into doing more open work." Sales of the paper Milliant had increased and brought in new contacts. Other left-wing "sects"; including the Socialist Workers Party, had disappeared.

"Dole queues have also provided us with valuable new supporters", the local organizer reported, and told of efforts to get systematic coverage of local factories to bring the Militant message to the workers.

New supporters came in as a result of the Militant group's work on picket lines during the firemen's strike. "The strike lifted the entire Labour movement, as many workers looked to the firemany with the sects will have been extremely will have been

approved for regional meetings or party or trade union conferences. They had their troubles with other left-wing "sects", including the Tribune Group and the Independent Labour Publications group (formerly the Clause 4 Group). The Militant organisers claim that in the constituencies Tribune Group supporters shifted their allegiance to the ILP (that was in April 1978). was in April, 1978).

Militant activists are constantly encouraged to join and-racialist movements with the aim of "winning black youth to Marxism". One bulletin says: "Both our general work against racialism and more especially our work through general work against racialism and more especially our work through the iever of the black youth group needs to be stepped up. It is an open door that we are pushing at. "We must find a road to the black youth and the Asian youth, not only to increase the size of the group, but also to ensure that the undoubted repeated truptions of racialist poison will see our organization able to take the from rank in the fight against front rank in the fight against racialism."

iciausm. Instructions are given about countering attempts by the National Front to break up meet-ings. "A local broad anti-racist National Front to break up meetings. "A local broad anti-racist front organization having had their meetings smashed up (with no serious attempt to protect themselves) is now "running scared of holding public meetings."

The first thing to realize, groups are told, is that the organizers of any meeting are legally responsible for the smooth running of the meeting.

sible for the smooth running of the meeting.

"Therefore even if the police were impartial, the responsibility for stewarding any of our meetings is ours alone. As the police are not impartial, it is also important to ensure that their role is strictly outside the meeting...."

The Times comes in for harsh criticism. In 1977 the Tendercy The Times comes in for harsh criticism. In 1977 the Tendency attacked the Labour Government's policy of "savage" public expenditure cuts and measures to reduce the workers' standard of living, and gave a warning that a Tory government would adopt even more dracomian cuts.

"On this theme", the spokesman said, "the ravings of the former sober journal, the voice of Toryism and of big business, The Times, is an indication of the culde-sac in which British capitalism finds itself."

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finds itself."

And later, dealing with a leading article: The Times shows the frightful crisis facing the ruling class and their growing fury at the resistance of the workers."

What The Times suggested (that roots and shearth referred of the root-and-branch reform of the trade unions must come) was, according to Militant, "a recipe for class conflict which dwarfs anything in British history. Gone is the boset about the property of the property is the boast about the British the boast about the British gentus for compromise which was the theme ad nauseam of the media in the whole of the postwar period."

Any attempt to "confront the unions" according to the

unions ". according to the Tendency, would soon be abandoned because of the conflict it would provoke, and the impotence of parliamentary laws to make a decisive difference.

"What is written by workers' organization and modification organization and mobilization cannot be changed by lawyers' tricks. That is why The Times, in ruling-class impotence, is threatening in effect physical confrontation with the workers ultimately.

That is why supplies of CS gas.

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fairs Correspondent 81 census will not conuestion on ethnic orrnoor response to a in Raringey, London, the question was rth the candle". Mr Jenkin, Secretary of Social Services, said conference yesterday. 54 per cent of the suseholds in the main test returned their impared with a rate per cent normally in that sort of test, It possible to get in touch icr cent of households. it refused to accept a

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The baby gorilla born at the Bristol zoo a fortnight ago playing yesterday with Mr Michael Colbourne, head keeper of the ape house. Neither mother nor baby is on show to visitors yet.

Trials begin on 'new' Interferon

By Our Science Editor.

Thirty cancer patients are taking part in the first largescale clinical trials of the biochemical Interferon, which has been synthesized by genetic engineering at the laboratories at High Wycombe of G. D. Searle, the international drug company.

A team working with Dr. A. J. Hale has perfected a process for producing 200 million units every eight days, au important development in taking the products of genetic engineering to the market.

The new cancer therapy is being carried out at the University of Texas Anderson Hospital and Tumour Institute.

Interferon, which may belp to prevent influenza, hepatitis and other viral infections, was identified in 1956, but development was hampered because only tiny quantities could be obtained from sources such as white blood cells.

Other cells in the body. m to justify their in-They were on weekly fibroblasts, produce the same orked, school-leaving chemical. In the technique perfected by G. D. Searle genetic material that controls the synthesis of Interferon in fibroertility and date of blasts is removed and trans-, which could disclose forced to bacteria which proa child was born out duce the substance in large

By Nicholas Timmins Workers in the rubber industry may be running an increased risk of lung and stomach cancers, according to a report published yesterday by the Health and Safety Executive, and there is a need to reduce exposure to

dust and fumes.

The report is the result of a 10 year study covering 41,000 of the industry's 87,000 employees. It shows that bladder cancer,

antioxidants used in the indus-try up to 1949, is no longer a threat. But among the 12,799 who had worked in factories when the agents were used, 36 deaths were found, against 25 expected. Because of the long period it takes bladder cancer to develop. from five to more than 45 years,

thought to be caused by certain

But while the study concludes that bladder cancer is no longer a threat, the results indicate that other cancer-causing agents may await identification and elimination.

Across the industry, 822 deaths from lung cancer were found, against 764 expected, and tyre manufacturing, 91 cases from the earlier exposures may still occur until the end of the century, the report says. stomach cancer deaths were found, against 74 expected.

Inquiry into **DPP** staff member allegations

Senior Scotland Yard detectives are investigating allegations concerning a member of the Director of Public Prosecution's department. The inquiry has been under way for some weeks and concerns a barrister. who has been suspended pending the outcome A spokesman for the DPP's

office yesterday confirmed that the inquiry was in progress. Allegations have been made concerning claims for expenses. Officers led by a detective chief superintendent have been dealing with the inquiry. They are members of Scotland Yard's department, which specializes in a variety of investigations ranging from serious crime to art frauds. It is understood the inquiry

has been passed to the department not because the allegations in themselves could be described as serious, but be-cause of the offices in which they are said to have taken place. The DPP's department is responsible for advising the police on prosecutions
Although the allegations cast
no aspertions on Sir Thomas

Hetherington, Director of Pubic Prosecutions, they do come at a very awkward time, as Sir Thomas has been subject to considerable criticism recently.

Last weekend Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, said that Sir Thomas had been subpect to an unjustified sniping campaign over his handling of advice to Operation Countryman, the investigation into allegations of London police corruption. On the same day further fuel was added to the criticism by revelations of a Scotland Yard report on the death of Mr Blair Peach.

The revelations suggested that the DPP had rejected re-commendations by Scotlard Yard officers that members of rhe Special Patrol Group should be prosecuted.

Will you leave your legacy to the taxman?

Capital Transfer Tax can take more of your estate than may be necessary. Yet for the charitably minded it is relatively simple to minimise the tax penalty, for legislation permits up to £100,000 to be excluded from the valuation of an estate if it is left to charity.

Help the Aged booklets set out the facts in layman's language-though based on skilled legal and accountancy advice. The booklets are yours on request. One covers ways of reducing Capital Transfer Tax with a charity bequest, and the other gives the facts you need to consider before consulting your solicitor.

Many people are surprised to find that a bequest need not cost an estate its full value to the charity. This is one of the interesting tables worth your study.

If you would like to know more, and to consider helping old people in great need because of loneliness, hunger, bad housing or ill health, please write for free copies of our two legacy booklets. On request from: The Hon. Treasurer, The Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room T9L, 32 Dover Street, London, W1A 2AP.

*Perpetuate a loved name with a gift of £150, which inscribes the name you wish to commemorate on the Dedication Plaque of the Day Centre it helps.

court after Tube fight A teenage girl and six young

Seven in

men were remanded on bail until June 10 at Willesden Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday charged in connexion with an incident at Neasden Tube station in west London.

They were Karen Taylor, aged 18, of Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley; Stephen Hendy, aged 21, of Neasden Lane, Willesden; Thomas Howart, aged 21, of Wilberforce Road, Highbury; Gerard Mooney, aged 17, of Storks Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware; William Garvey, aged 19, of St John's Avenue, Willesden: David Blakeley, aged 17, of Sean Dwyer, aged 21, of Lyon Park Avenue, Wembley. All were accused of using

threatening behaviour and Mr Garvey was also charged with offensive weapon.

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Myrella Cohen QC, at funds estimated at between 2 upon Tyne Crown £400 and £500.

Instead of a charge of theft,

r prosecuting a young appropriate, the judge said-putting in his pocket "It is really unfair that a young man of good character should have had this hanging over his head fo rfive months when a warning would have been the appropriate thing." Mr Colls, aged 25, a radio-

grapher, of Monday Crescent Newcastle, who denied theft intends to make an official complaint to Northumbria police. Mr. Colls saw a Parker per valued at £3.50 on the ground near the scene of a minor traffic accident in Newcastle. He said: "I picked it up and put it in my pocket. A police-wan came up and asked me

where I was going with the pen

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Medical Correspondent raw, unpasteurized milk in oday for the spread of tion in cattle that may nilk-borne disease in

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of blood poisoning in Enfact. Dr Williams says, the cause in his patients was salmonella dubin, and while the ave involved deaths of rash persisted the surgeon in poor health have could pass the infection to other cause.

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Oday for the spread of When a cow needs help during calving, the internal manipulations may be strenuous and prolonged. Dr Williams says. Veterinary surgeons often pre-fer to operate with arms uncovered, finding that gloves make the procedures more diffi-

Afterwards surgeons often get a rash on the forearms, which they may attribute to irritation from disinfectants.

Five years' jail for office block arsonist

David Donner, aged 28, who was said to have started a blaze in a crowded office block in Hull, was sentenced at York Crown Court yesterday to five

years' imprisonment.

Mr Donner, an unemployed welder, had told arresting officers: "I wanted to burn the building down and see people running about. I wanted to see someone die " Re pleaded guilty to burglary and arson with intent to en-danger life, using lighter fuel and paper to begin the fire Mr Geoffrey Marson, for the prosecution, said Mr. Donner tossed cans containing air freshener into the flames so that they would explode

ina Syndrome' stars win top awards

Fonds and Jack Lemse joint stars of The undrome the American out an accident at a power plant, have won), best film actress and mactor awards of the Academy of Film and

t actress category, Sir linness won the award tole as George Smiley Tailor, Soldier, Spy; f Youth, in which she Vera Brittain. awards were presented

cess Anne, president of iemy, at-a ceremony at

Zinner); soundtrack: Alica (Derrick Leather, Jim Shields, Bill Rowe); short film: Butch Minds the Baby (Peter Webb); Robert Flaherty award: Ermanno Olmi (The Tree of Wooden Clogs); Anthony Asquith award for original film music: Days of Reaven (Ennio Morricone).

Best actress: Jane Fonda (The Academy of Film and Rest activess: Jane Fonda (The China Syndrome); supporting activess category, Sir actives category, Sir actives category, Sir actives catego

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South Bank Show: actuality
coverage: Last Night of the
Proms (Ian Engelmann); design:
Testament of Youth (Sally
Hulke); best actor: Sir Alec
Guinness (Tinker, Tailor, Soldier.
Spy); actress: Cheryl Campbell
(Testament of Youth, Duke of
Wellington, Malice Aforechought);
Unit emeritainment performance: light entertainment performance: John Cleese (Fmity Towers): writers award: John Mortimer: Richard Dimbleby award for most Richard Dimbleby award for most important contribution on screen in factual relevision: Alastair Burnet; Desmond Davis Award for outstanding creative contribution to television: Herbert Wise.

Rediffusion Star Awards (child-

ren's entertainment): Harlequit Award: (drama/light entertainment Award: (drama/light entertainment programme) Grange Hill (Anna Home/Roger Singleron Turner); Harlequin Award: (documentary/factual programme): The Book Touser (Anne Wood/Ian Bolt); Flame of Knowledge Award: (schools programme up to "0" level): How We usen to Line (Richard Handford); Shell Award for most effective contribution to understanding of trade and industry: Brian Clark (Tellord's Change).

Socialists favoured as Catalans elect their own Parliament

than 40 years today, with during the Franco regime for Socialists expected to gain con- illegal

A heavier than expected turnout in crisp, clear weather of the region's 4,300,000 voters was reported by election officials. The result is likely to be known

Catalan's, Spain's weathiest and most industrialized ethnic group, chose from among more than 2,000 local candidates and a dozen parties to fill the 135-seat Parliament.

Opinion polls gave the Socialists, Spain's second largest party, 26 per cent of the vote; the Nationalists, 24 per cent; and the Catalan Communist Party, 20 per cent. The Centrist party of Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, trailed with 11 per cent ailed with 11 per cent. Both Socialist and Communist leaders rejected reports they might form a post-election

The election was Spain's second to establish home rule in the provinces since the end Franco dictatorship in The Basques elected a Nationalist Government 10 days ago. Ilmiting Señor Suárez's party to only six seats out of the 60 in the Basque Parlia-

Barcelonz, March 20.—Cata-lans voted for their own Parlia-ment for the first time in more ment for the first time in more imprisoned for three months propaganda. He is a favourite to head the

> Señor Jordi Pujol, leader of the Nationalists, has ruled out his party's participation in a local government, if it includes

Señor Suñrez was being kept advised of the voting in Madrid after spending five days in Cara-lonia last week campaigning for

his party.
Palace officials said King
Juan Carlos, in the Netherlands
for an official visit, also was being kept informed.
In Madrid, an underground

newsletter claimed Señor Suárez was planning to shake up his Cabinet, implying that Socialists and perhaps Basque Nationalists might join the central govern-

ment.
Señor Alfonso Guerra, a step further Socialist, went a step further and demanded a new government without Senor Suarez. Aides to the Prime Minister discounted an immediate shake-up and cited his national Parliament resisting as the process. liament majority as the reason. Spain's 57 million Catalans and two million Basques lost frome rule during the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War won by General Franco. Both areas fought on the anti-Franco side

resume discussions and to reach agreement by the deadline of April 30. Its president has agreed in principle to proposals

put by the government and health fund managers to set up a three-tier system of medical

benefits, and to work out methods of reducing health

one should set up a medicine for the rich and one for the

poor, but we are attempting to

preserve in France the medical

"The question is not whether

French doctors defy the authorities and raise fees French doctors, whose members make up 12 to 15 per cent of practitioners, says it wishes up

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, March 20 French doctors are angry Last week, they expressed their discontent over the drawn out negotiations with the three national health funds by uni-laterally raising their fees, frozen by the Government since last summer, from 40 francs (about £4.18 to 45 francs (about £4.70) for general practitioners and from 50 francs to 68 francs for specialists.

The chairman of the Confederation of French Medical Unions, whose members account for 40 to 45 per cent of all doctors in private practice, decla-red that the freezing of fees, which are a flat charge, was an intolerable pressure to force doctors to endorse an agreement along lines which they contend would threaten the exercise of liberal medecine and create a medicine for the rich and one for the poor.

The aim of the Government, working through the national fund managers, is less embitious: it is merely to reduce the huge deficit of the health service by imposing restraints and controls on

The Minister of Health and the three national health fund managers reacted sharply to the fees from the beginning of this week. They have suspended sion. Doctors are divided on the course to follow.

One of the minority doctors' unions, the Federation of

Importance of

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Commission made its announce

Chirac's advice would be taken

and that the importance of accepting the rules of the Com-

munity would be realized.

Mr Walker told the House

that Britain was making a loss out of CAP of £1,170m and that

the only other loser was Germany at £228m.

could have been foreseen at the

time of entry or of renegotia-

by far the most adverse effect from the CAP and that was why

met the cost of their disposal. Perhaps the most significant

change of position came from Mr Mason. Conveying to Mr

Walker the total support of the

House for his firm stand in

today held an emergency meet-

ing of ministers and senior advisors on combating terror-

ism, before starting a round of

consultations to designate a

Prime Minister to succeed Signor Francesco Cossiga, who

resigned last night.

By his actions, the 82-year-old

head of state personified stability in the face of the two

aspects of the Italian crisis. On

the one hand, the public has been alarmed by the three murders of magistrates by ter-

rorists in three days, which threatens to undermine the morale of the judiciary. The

President was told about the

From John Earle Rome, March 20

He denied that this position

accepting

service of a rich country", he It seems likely that the managers of the three national health funds will agree to resume negotiations with the federation only, on the grounds that though a minority organization, it is representative on a national level. It would not be the first time that this has hap-

pened, as the appendix on practitioners' fees to the existing convention was signed by the fegeration alone. The Confederation of French Medical Unions remains adamant. Its point of view, shared

by the Gaullist party, is that it is up to the government and parliament to take the major decision of changing the bases of the national health system have gone back on their deci- present one, it argues, has been in operation for 20 years, and made it possible to provide the bulk of the population with high

> German admiral appointed to Nato command

Casteau, Belgium, March 20.

—Admiral Günter Luther, the chief of staff of the West Ger-Continued from page 1 would say to him 'accept the man Navy, has been appointed deputy supreme allied commander in Europe, Nato military command announced today. The European Commission, Mr Walker said, and all the other member countries were united in the view that the French were acting illegally and He comes immediately under General Bernard Rogers, of the United States Army, who is wrongly on the sheep meat Nato's supreme commander in Europe and also commander He trusted that when the of United States forces in ment on an interim injuction within the next week or so, M Europe.

Admiral Luther succeeds another West German, Lieuten-am-General Gerd Schmückle, who is retiring.—Reuter.



Bonn calls for urgent talks in E Germany

March Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, today urged Herr Erich Honecker, the East German communist leader, to meet him for talks " as soon as possible, in an effort to revive détente between the two German states.

In a speech on the state of the nation, he told the Bonn Parliament that East and West Germans should seek to avoid confrontation in what was a dangerous situation in world

Herr Schmidt, who concentrated on relations between the two German states, said West Germany did not want a return to the cold war. But he also repeated West German calls for Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and said it was up to Moscow to help restore international equilibrium and keep the way open for East-West

cooperation. Herr Schmidt's review of relations, el event i ment, struck a generally conciliatory note, despite recent Soviet block criticism of Bonn's attitude to the Afghan crisis. Yesterday Herr Honecker Madrid this autumn", he warned the Schmidt Government declared.

that relations between the two states would suffer if Bonn were swayed by Washington's present foreign policy. The East Ger-man leader, who was holding talks with a visiting West Ger-man communist, accused "im-perialist circles" in the United States of wanting to start a new cold war. But he also renewed East Germany's commitment to

Herr Schmidt noted in his Herr Schmidt noted in his speech that a meeting he was to have held with Herr Honecker early this year, had been postponed. The meeting "should in my view take place as soon as possible in the German Democratic Republic", he

détente.

World politics " The Chancellor emphasized that Germans had a greater interest in détente than any other people because they had to live

in a divided country. He said he had found understanding for Bonn's position during talks with President Carter earlier this month and meetings with other leaders who have included President Giscard d'Estaing and Mrs Thatcher.

It was still impossible to speak of good, or even normal relations between West and East Germany, he said. Essential freedoms were still denied to East Germans and "as long as there is a Wall and as long there is violence on the border across Germany we cannot say we are satisfied ".

Herr Schmidt steered clear of the pessimism voiced elsewhere in the West about the future of East-West relations. Despite indications that France is questioning the prospects for a planned Madrid follow-up meet-Conference, the Chancellor in sisted that the negotiations should go ahead. "We want it to take place as planned in

The conservative Opposition leader, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, who will challenge Herr Schmidt for the chancel-lorship in elections next October, replied with a strong attack on government handling of the Afghan crisis. He singled out a joint Franco-German state ment in February which said that detente would not withstand another seeback like the Soviet intervention.

Herr Strauss said amounted to telling the Soviet Union: "You are welcome to stay in Afghanistan. There will be no resulting change in the policy of détente." He added that West Germany should have stated clearly that i t would boycott the Moscow Olympics "The key task for us Ger-boycott the Moscow (mans... is to avoid confronta-"instead of hiding tion on German territory in the dubious terminology'.

Britain's EEC payment set at £1,140m Britain's net contribution to the EEC budget this year will amount to about £1,140m, well ahead of West Germany at meeting in Dublin last November of the common between the proposal in the next summit made before the EEC summit 1. The cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the cost of the common between the proposal in the proposal in the next summit the next summit the proposal in the next summit the next s

figures drawn up by the European Commission.

They are close to predictions

this country was demanding a substantial readjustment of the budget. Mr Walker told the House France emerges as a marginal ner contributor, while all other members except Britain make a that he would be pursuing a policy by which those who produced the unwanted surpluses

These new estimates will reinforce Mrs Thatcher's case that it is wrong that Britain, with the third lowest gross national product per capita in the EEC, should be making by far the biggest net payments.
The European Commission

President Sandro Pertini by the commanders-in-chief of oday held an emergency meet the police and the carabinieri.

existing mechanism for refunding part of excess budget contributions coupled with in-creased EEC spending in

The new paper does not suegest how much financial relief Britain should get and is not a "formal" proposal in the sense demanded last week by the French Government. It remains to be seen therefore how far Brussels, he said there wash growing disillusionment with has also drawn up a new paper go in discussing the British schemes and developed the image of the Community on the British budget problem.

President Pertini plans a

The trade unions, conscious

that this is potentially a more dangerous crisis for Italian democracy than at any time

since the war, have also entered

the scene. On Tuesday, the eve

of the Government's resignation.

Lama, Signor Pierre Carniti, and

rapid round of political consul-

Signor Cossiga, by the Ministers ally be described as pre-of the Interior and Justice, and revolutionary.

On the other hand, public tations between now and the

opinion is equally alarmed at end of the week. Then, early

the impotence of governments whose average life since 1943 has been 10 months, at their next Government. Indications inability to ensure an acceptance of government are that this will be Signor

Italy is on a dangerous slalom President Pertini received for towards an obscure destination, consultations Signor Luciano

able life for many young people, Cossiga again.

and at the general atmosphere

The two aspects of the crisis

are different sides of the same

coin. To quote the elder states-

man and former Senate Presi-

dent, Signor Cesare Merzagora,

riding on two skis, terrorism and corruption. It is a phase,

measures being taken to pre- and corruption. It is a phase, Signor Giorgio Benvenuto, resserve law and order at the he wrote in the newspaper La pectively secretaries of the

meeting, which was attended by Republica, which would norm three main trade union con-

of political corruption.

agricultural policy will be drastically increased by the enlargement of the Community according to a study approved yesterday by the Comission. This estimates that the entry to the EEC of Spain will increase expenditure on supporting olive oil growers. In a separate development, the Commission has sent members a document on energy policy to be discussed at the

Today the three rejected a

letter from Signor Cossiga, who wrote that all contacts between

the unions and the state must

be considered suspended during

the Government crisis. The

unions have in progress a num-

ber of negotiations affecting

civil servants, local government employees, hospital workers,

In a joint telegram to Signor Cossiga, the three said this "unusual innovation" of block-

ing all negotiations was extremely grave. "We call the

Government's attention to the

risks of further uncontrollable disintegration and of an exacer

bation of social tensions".

They asked Signor Cossiga to

reconsider his attitude and to

receive them urgently.

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next summit meeting. Among other ideas, it looks at the possibility of taxing imported oil to finance energy-saving schemes and develop alterna-Israeli sources maintain there is no chance at all of Mr Begin permitting the council to be granted law-making powers. Terrorism and corruption worry Italian leader

> The most controversial of these is control over natural resources such as water, the single most precious commod-ity in the region, Others include foreign affairs and defence; internal security; Israeli mhabitants and settlements; energy; printing of stamps and cur-rency; radio, television and information; aerospace and territorial sea supervision; main international communications exchanges; internal telex and

Syrian minister hints at foreign influence behind Muslim Brotherhood disturbances

Damascus, March 20
Mr Ahmed Iskander is used to dealing with faintly impertinent questions from foreign

As Syrian Minister of Information and—for just six weeks—a member of the Syrian Basth Party's regional council, he greets correspondents in his sparsely furnished office and hands his guests Arab coffee from exquisitely hand-painted red and blue cups. His only indulgence is a box of fine long Cuben cigars which he generously offers to visitors.

Lately, however, his audiences

have become a little longer than usual and occasionally—just occasionally—his voice rises above the calm monotone and good humour which usually accompanies his explanation of Syrian policy.
It happened today when he

was asked, in an interview with The Times, why Syria's critics condemned the political power of the minority Alawite sect to whom his President belongs. Did this lie behind the recent disturbances in Syria?

"Why", he asked, "is it that western diplomats and their

governments and the western press have taken such an interest in the internal Syrian situation since President Sadar of Egypt visited Jerusalem?"
He went on: "One of the founders of Syrian resistance again the French mandate was a Druze—but at that time, the colonial countries did not say we were sectarian.
"The chief of staff of our

Israel was a Christian. Now he at the beginning of 1963—to-is our Ambassador in Paris— geth with Syrian capiltalists but you never said we were a who were affected by the sectarian Christian state. Even nationalization laws." the founder of the Beath Party, Michel Aflaq was a Christian. So how can the Beath be sectarian?" Mr iskander gently agreed that Mr Aflag now lives

The suggestion that President Assad permitted the Alawites dominate Syrian politics Clearly angered the minister.
"In the Baath Party" he said, "a member reaches a leading post through his qualifica-

tions, his loyalty to the party and his sincerity—not through his sect. For a long time now, a citizen's sect has not appeared on his identity card." Asked how many Alawites are in the Syrian Cabinet, Mr Isk-ander replied: "Two". Asked

about a detailed study of Syrian politics by Mr Nikolans van Dam, a Dutch Foreign Ministry official, which suggests that Alawites hold a disproportionate amount of power in the Syrian Army, Mr Iskander said that the book—which was based on internal Baath Party documents —is misleading. "Mr van Dam is friendly with

the Americans." So who has been behind the disturbances in Aleppo, Homs and Hama?

Mr Iskander replied: "The people who have tried to instigate trouble, represent the Muslim Brotherhood and the remaining feudalists — those who owned lands but were in-

But, asked if he could name the other nations which the President says are behind the Muslim Brothers, Mr Iskander gave a curious reply: "Those enemies represented by the Muslim Brotherhood party and the fordelites and the feudalists are receiving financial support as well as arms and training from some parties which are linked with the United States. Some of the results of our investigation will be announced but in such a way that it will not harm Syria's

relations with these countries." The minister refused to identify these countries. There is, however, little doubt that he was referring to Jordan and possibly to some Palestinian groups—but not the Palestine Liberation Organization. Other salient points in Mr

Iskander's interview included the following: Syria intends to complete its military withdrawal from Lebanon "as quickly as possible". The decision is irrevocable.

Syria intends to maintain god relations with the Iranian revolutionary government. It is "helping to find a solution to the problem of the American hostages" in Tehran by keeping its representative on the international committee investigations of the Shelic prints. gating the Shah's regime.

• Syria had accepted Security Council resolution 338. If reso-

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Lord Soames to visit Mozambique at invitation of President Machel

Mr Fernando Honwarra, Mozam-bique's kaison representative

in Salisbury. However, the visit did not take place then because

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convincing victory. Last

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, March 20
Lord Soames, Governor of
Rhodesia, is to visit Mozambique on Monday at the invitation of President Samora

In addition to having talks with President Machel and Mr Joaquim Chissano, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lord Soames will go deep sea fishing off the Mozambique coast. He will return to Rhodesia on Tuesday. Lord Soames will be the most

mportant member of the Bri-Government Mozambique since the Conservatives came to power last year and the visit will be used to express Britain's gratitude for the constructive role played by President Machel in the Rhodesian settlement negotiations.
It is generally accepted in diplomatic circles that last year's Lancaster House conference probably would never have succeeded if it had not been for the behind-the-scenes diplomacy by the Mazambican President and in particular the influnce he had on Mr Mugabe,

leader of Zanu (PF) and the country's Prime Minister desigcountry's Prime Minister designate, who was based in Mozambique during the past four duestion of aid. Mozambique Zimbabwe

issue since last August's Com-monwealth Conference in Lusaka, went to London to thank the British Government for the success achieved in Rhodesia Lord Sozmes's visit will symbolize the good relations that now exist between Conservative ruled Britain and Marxist Mozambique. During his stay he is expected to discuss future

Mozambique became seriously concerned that Lord Soames might ban Mr Mugabe's party In the event, however, President Machel was pleased with the way the election was con-ducted and also by Mr Mugabe's convincing victory. Last week Mr Honwana and Dr José Cabaco, the Mozambican Minister of Transport, who together have maintained close lisison with Britain on the Rhodesian

The invitation to visit hopes Britain will recognize the Mozambique was originally conveyed to Lord Soames some weeks before the election by Mr Fernando Honwara, Mozambig and technical assistance to help repair its war-battered economy.

Lord Soames and President
Machel are also expected to
discuss a number of issues concerning relations between Mozambique and the new state of Zimbabwe. Principal among these will be the re-opening of the rail links between Rhodesia and the Mozambique ports of Beira and Mapuro. Martiail law ends: Lord Soames signed a proclamation today less than a month before it becomes independent as Zimbabwe. The proclomation comes into effect tomorrow.-Reuter. British aid: Britain is to give 17m in rehabilitation aid to Zimbabwe, as an immediate contribution to the cost of reconstruction (Our Diplomatic same time the Overseas Deve-lopment Administration announced yesterday an international appeal to obtain other assistance for the new country,

Appeal fo Mr Mand to be free

Johannesburg, Marc The daughter of Mr. Mandela, serving a life on charges of plotting today made an emotion for his release on the the twentieth anniversa Miss Zindzi Mandela was joining the mount paign to free her fat daughter, and membe younger generation. Miss Mandela was th old when her father tenced in 1964 to life ment on Robben Isla being found guilty of p

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Conflict in models of autonomy

Continued from page 1 any part in future autonomy negotiations.

In addition, I understand that the Cabinet is still hoping to move the whole of the Prime Minister's private office from West to East Jerusalem if suit-able premises can be found. The symbolic gesture of moving is across the "green line" was first mooted more than a year ago and shows no sign of being shelved, despite the recent in ternational condemnation of Israeli policy towards territory in the former Arab sector. The full extent of the gan

over the autonomy question was disclosed in January when both the Israeli and Egyptian Governments published radically different models for the type of autonomy body envisaged for the 1.1m Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. A senior Israel Government offical today confirmed that

offical today confirmed that there had been no significant change in the separate autonomy proposals in the ensuing months, despite ministerial meetings in Tel Aviv and The Hague. The two models remain the basic positions of the governments on which a compromise will have to be found. Whereas Israel suggested that the autonomy council should the autonomy council should have only 11 members and be strictly limited to an administrative role, the Egyptians proposed a type of Palestinian mini-parliament with between \$20 and 100 archaet. 80 and 100 members

The Israeli autonomy model was contained in a 26-page document which was greeted with considerable international scepticism when it was published. It contained a long list of "residual powers" the Israeli Government insisted should still be exercised by Israel.

international mail; supervision of Israeli banking and insurance institutions in the territories; and representation of the loca banking system abroad.

Dr Kaunda rejoices at prospect of cooperating with Zimbabwe Dr Kaunda is pragma

From Ruth Weiss Lusaka, March 20

"If I could have danced, I would have done it then", President Kaunda of Zambia said when asked about his im-mediate reaction to the Rhodesian election results.

Dr Kaunda's joy is under-standable: since 1965, a year after Northern Rhodesia be-came Zambia, he has had to live with the nightmare of Southern The imposition of sanctions giant."

against each other by the two Rhodesias was worse than cut-ting an umbilical cord. It was Zambia, rather than Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesia which bore the brunt of sanctions. Zambia had to change its order of economic priorities; later it bore the burden of refugees; and ultimately it was physically attacked, suffering loss of lives and the destruction of infrastructure.

"We have suffered for the

independence of Angola . . of Mozambique, but not to the extent that we suffered for the independence of Zimbabwe", President Kaunda said. "Now we can look forward to better things, in terms of cooperation between our brothers in Already this cooperation is taking concrete shape. A sum-mit of the front-line states, called for April 1, promises to be a summit with a difference. Already an invitation has gone to Zimbabwe's new Government. For the first time since we bave been meeting we will discuss nothing but economic development and cooperation", President Kaunda said. "It's a fantastic feeling. It makes one feel good."

Dr Kaunda hesitated when asked about the role South Africa could play. He could not decide for the heads of state whether they would even discuss, let alone decide, to ask South Africa to join in regional cooperation. He thought that some of his close associal already adapted the could lend that country a Kaunda song of Toget cross the Zambezi." Besides, there was the pro-blem of South Africa's economic power. "We would be tying our-selves to the apron strings of a

Even economic cooperation with an independent Zimbabwe could cause problems. "They (the Zimbabweans) are much stronger than we are. . . They built their infrastructure at our expense" (that is, with the revenue accruing to the old federation from Northern Rhodesia's copper belt).

And during the UDI period, he said, they had created a new manufacturing industry. Zambia could thus find her own industrial efforts frustrated if Zimbabwe-made goods flooded the market. On the other hand, it could not be denied that Zambia's economy was in the doldrums and that there were tremendous shortages of precisely the sort of consumer items available from "down

It depends on President Kaunda's travelling plans whether he can attend the Zimbetween celebrations on 18 April. He postponed a trip to four countries in the Far East in March, thinking that independence would be attained then.
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planned for April, he will have
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help". He considers Africa's possible nucle bility to be a threat African countries sout Sahara, and denounc South Africa and its su for providing it with the bility.

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Stress can scare people to death

The old saying of a person being "scared to death" has acquired a ring of scientific truth. And it does not involve coronary thrombosis being precipitated by shock. Two American research workers have discovered that

By Peter Brock

acute stress can bring about lethal changes in the human heart muscle and that such changes closely resemble those found in laboratory animals exposed to frightening stimuli. The research was carried out by Dr Marilyn Cebelin, deputy coroner at Cuyahoga, Cleveland and another pathologist, Dr Charles Hirsch, who specializes in forensic medicine at Cin-cinnati University's medical

They carried out an exhaus-

in the Cleveland area between 1950 and 1979. They had to study 497 cases which involved going through the autopsy records, police reports, microscope slides and hospital records. They found 15 cases without a clearly identified cause of death.

Although the victims, whose ages ranged from one to 82 years, all suffered injuries, they were mostly cuts and bruises and were not in themselves of sufficient severity to cause death.

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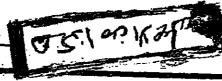
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i, and discributors Mr Giani Singh in the inter-ment publications view declared: "There is no the country order doubt that I am very close to the Gandhi family; frankly speaking my politics are linked with the politics of Indira and Sanjay Gandhi. If someone wants to survive in politics he must have some godfather." must have some godfathers."

Government under that Mr Sanjay Gandhi, now an intermet Chief Justice MP but holding no cabinet post, in May, 1977, formed was his patron, the magazine of several police in sand, resulted in reedings against Mrs. When Mr Giani Singh said son on matters concerning the Home Ministry. Sanjay has not taken much interest in my department. But his suggestions will be considered by me with due respect", the Minister

> Asked if he thought Mr Gandhi had the qualities of a good prime minister and national leader, Mr Giani Singh replied: "No doubt, Sanjay possesses good qualities. He has possesses good qualities. He has a vast knowledge about national and international affairs." Mr Singh, a farmer from the Punjab, was himself the subject of a Shah-type commission of inquiry into alleged abuses of power while he was Punjab's Congress Chief Minister between 1971 and 1977.
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> Giving his views on how lead-

Giving his views on how leading civil servants should groups, which she made in function and the many recent April, 1975.

place, the minister said:
"Transfer is not punishment. We have brought in only those officers of whom we can depend for vigorous implementation of our programmes irrespective of whether or not they were part of the Government during the

emergency. "We have to implement our party's manifesto and naturally we can transfer those officers who, we believe, may create hindrances ".

India Today commented that the American "spoils system" appeared to have replaced India's former neutral civil ser-

vice inherited from the British. Mrs Gandhi today ordered all central and state government departments to devise economic programmes specifically to aid the advancement of India's Harijans (formerly untouchables). In written instructions, the Prime Minister pointed out to officials that while the Harijans constitute 15 per cent of India's population of 630,000,000 they figured disproportionately in all the country's powerry groups.

Most Harijans, she conceded, were living today below the official poverty line. Under a Planning Commission study pre-pared for the previous govern-ment that line was defined as receiving a daily average mini-mum intake of less than 2,400

The Prime Minister said the schemes must be oriented to help groups such as landless labourers, fishermen, artisans, weavers, and rickshaw pullers, all of whom are often Harijans, and their families. She re called a promise to help such

Three Mile Island outcry over radioactive gas

From Michael Leapman New York, March 20

Hundreds of people who live near the Three Mile Island nuclear power station in Pennsylvania protested noisily last night about plans to release radioactive krypton gas from clean up excessive radiation trapped in the plant, which has been out of action since a

serious and almost disastrous accident a year ago.

"Keep your krypton, keep your krypton", chanted the crowd, as officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission made a vain attempt to explain that the amount of radiation

which people would pick up from the released gas would be infinitesimal. torgive what you have put us through", cried one woman, "You are no more worthy than tiqued for another 30 to 60 a hunk of cow manure." minutes, the core would have

next month whether to let Metropolitan Edison, which owns the plant, go ahead with

Experts say that the maximum dose of radiation anyone could pick up would be one-fifth of a millirem, compared with the 35 millirems sustained in a chest X-ray. A much The release would be an smaller quantity of krypton was initial stage of an operation to, released from an airlock last week, provoking protests.

According to the company

the only alternative method of getting the gas out of the plant would be to build a container for it, which would take two years and would be costly.

Many local residents, how ever, distrust the company and the commission because of the confusion and misinformation which emanated from both dur-ing the 11-day accident when the radioactive core of the We will never forget or power station overheated and was damaged almost a vear ago. According to a recent report,

The planned gas release melted and large amounts of would be spread over 60 days. radiation could have been The commission will decide released.

Americans accused of germ war preparations

From Michael Binyon Moscow, March 20

Dismissing American reports of a lethal accident involving bacteria weapons in the Soviet city of Sverdlovsk as newspaper 'ravings", the Russians today accused the Americans of making open preparations for chemical and germ warfare.

A Tass report from Washingchauvinistic and militaristic hysteria" which was being whipped up by the Carter Administration, the Pentagon was going ahead with "sinister designs" to produce and stockpile nerve gases, bacteria causing epidemics and other chemical weapons.

Tass said that the Pentagon was drawing on its wealth of experience in this field gained during the "dirty war" in Vietnam, and now was trying to enlist the support of the West European allies in carrying out plans that were dangerous for all mankind. The accusation comes hard

on the heels of American State Department reports that hun-dreds of people may have been killed in Sverdlovsk, in the Urals, after accidental exposure to stocks of deadly bacteriological weapons.
Without mentioning Sverd-

lovsk by name, a Tass commen-tary today called the reports " another malicious forgery " by The New York Times, and said that the article, first published in the West German Bildzeitung was an attempt to "pour oil into the flames of anti-Soviet hysteria now being fanned in

the West".

The New York Times published these "ravings" because the West was trying to conceal its own unsavoury plans: When the newspaper raised a "provo-cative clamour" about Soviet use of toxic chemicals in Afghanistan the Pentagon im-mediately asked Congress for a large increase in spending to develop a new generation of chemical weapons.

Tass predicted that after the report of the "Urals incident" the Pentagon would ask for billions of dollars more to make bacteriological weapons.

However, the news agency did give a hint that there may have been an epidemic in a large Soviet city, giving rise to the reports. It said that anyone who knew anything about medicine knew that epidemics of various diseases broke out from time to time in various parts of the world.

If all outbreaks of cholera, plague, typhus or foot-andmouth disease were attributed to "incidents" of the kind the Americans had suggested, then there was plenty of evidence that the West was preparing for bacteriological warfare. "The point is how one looks at these things. The New York Times decided to look at it from the position of ill-wishers and

authorities had been notified of the Soviet view, which had emphasized the provocative nature of the campaign in the American mass media.



Political experts start to swallow their predictions

Learning to say President Reagan

From Patrick Brogan Washington, March 20

They said it couldn't be done, and it couldn't. Congressman John Anderson, the fighting liberal from Illinois, came out from behind in the Republican presidential race, and challenged the champ, the charismatic but aging Ronald Reagan. Mr Anderson beat him in

Massachusetts, ran him close in Vermont, there was a prairie fire of enthusiasm across the country and they came face-to-face at last, on Tuesday, in Illinois. The experts said that Mr Anderson could never do it, and for once the experts were right. He is not going to sweep the country, he is not going to win the Republican nomination. I did a rough calculation of

his chances before the Illinois primary, adding together all the delegates he might possibly win before the convention. I gave him the benefit of the doubt in every case, giving him a fair share of the delegates in improbable places like Texas and Utah and throwing in all George Bush's delegates. It turned out that even if everything went right for him, he could win the nomination only if he carried California.

998 needed to win the nomina-Mr Ford by 65 to 34 per cent. Hoover.

If Mr Anderson could not carry Illinois, his home state, in the first flush of his campaign and at the height of his television popularity, then he cannot carry California. There has been a great swal-

lowing of words among the ex-perts, who were so sure that Mr Reagan could not pull it off. The astonishing thing is that Republicans are behaving like Republicans. They had a num-ber of candidates, Messrs An-



derson, Baker, Bush and Ford, who had the qualifications for the job and a good allows the job and a good chance of winning in November. They preferred an elderly actor who good on television, because he has succeeded in persuad-ing everyone that he is the most conservative of them all. Such fidelity is usually a recipe for defeat-but because of the economic situation and

there for eight years and car-ried the 1976 primary against the defeat of Mr Herbert

In previous years, it was often said that the Republicans chose right-wing candidates because only the faithful turned out in the caucuses and committee meetings that chose convention delegates. Furthermore, the low turnout in the primaries was also inclined to help the hardliners, because real, faithful Republicans tend to be much more conservative than the general population.

There are now 37 primaries, compared with 27 last time and many fewer in earlier years.
Furthermore, the turnout is far higher (a third higher among Republicans in Illinois, for example) and so is the turnour in the cauciest in the caucuses. So the old argument will not wash any more. Ronald Reagan

is the authentic choice of Republican Party, and journalists around Washington are therefore practising sentences with the phrase "President Reagan" in them (as in "President Reagan today ordered the blockade of Cuba . . . ") just to see what they sound like. It is more than a little dis-

concerting. A senior reporter here remarked philosophically the other day that he remembered vividly how difficult it was to get used to writing "President Truman" in 1945. In that store whoever wins the Republican primary gets all the delegates—168 out of the quite possibly win, and the 998 needed to win the nominaright wing of the Republican to it quickly enough, and just a possibly wing the Republican to it quickly enough, and just a possibly wing of the Republican to it quickly enough, and just a possibly wing of the Republican to it quickly enough, and just a possibly wing of the Republican to it quickly enough. by paying close attention to what Mr Reagan has to say now.

US workers watching Los Angeles asbestos triaf

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, March 20

At the age of 40, Mr Richard Hogard suffer from asthma that is so severe that he maintains he has been unable to take up his job at the Long Beach naval shipyard for the last four years. He says that his breathing problem was caused by inhaling asbestos particles and that the manufacturer of the asbestos, the Johns Manville Corporation and five other makers of the fibre are responsible for his

Mr Hogard is suing the companies for negligence in not warning him of the dangers of their material and this week jury selection in the case be-gins in the Los Angeles Superior Court of Judge Earl

At first this might appear to: be merely another David and Goliath battle, yet another of the thousands of cases in courts throughout the country of un-fortunate workers seeking compensation from employers.

But the progress and outcome 3: of Mr Hogard's case will be carefully watched by men and women throughout the United States who believe their health has been affected by exposure to asbestos—and by corporation presidents and armies of law-yers who face their day in court.

In Los Angeles alone there are more than 1,000 lawsuits of this kind awaiting trial—most of them against the Johns Manville Corporation and other asbestos makers. So great is the interest in the case that Judge Riley's court has been enlarged to accommodate the 13 lawyer's in the case, as well as the over-flow of spectators and interested. parties.

It is now generally recognized in medical circles that people exposed to asbestos particles mostly used in the construction of ships, repairing and mainsevere, disabling lung and severe, disabling lung and severe, disabling lung and severestory problems including asbestosis, an irreversible scarring of the lung, as well as many severestory feat lung concern cases of fatal lung cancer. Mr Hogard is not seeking a

specific amount of damages but asks for compensation for lost wages and injuries to his health. He and the multitude of others who have started actions (and in Los Angeles alone cases are being filed almost daily) allege that the asbestos manufacturers knew about the bealth hazards of the material as far back as 1938 but never warned people of those dangers. Johns Manville first put warning labels on its products in 1964 but other companies did not follow suit until 1972. Mr Fulton Haight, a lawyer

for the asbestos manufacturers. said that the company, codefendants and even plaintiff employees wanted to settle this first case before trying to settle or otherwise end the hundreds of suits pending in Los Angeles. Any liability or damages banded down by the jury could serve as a guide for other settlement offers.

Angered Jews Bank robber recalls case could swing of British writer's murder

From Mario Modiano Athens, March 20 set on fire and four

An unidentified armed man found strangled in an empty who held up an Athens savings bank last night told the emtesman of organized ployces he would return the money when the man convicted consultant" for the for the murder of Ann Chapman, a London freelance jour-nalist, was set free.

The man got away with the equivalent of £4,000, though the cashier managed to sound the alarm; The police assume he must be the same man who carried out two other successful robberies in postal savings banks in central Athens in which the Mafia is recent months. Each time be wound up the robbery with a smile and the phrase: "I will return the money when Moundis is set free." specially for Italian ts) and funeral par-

Nicos Moundis, who is 43 and a former prison warden, is serv-ing a life sentence after being found guilty of the murder of he pizza trade via the a cheese industry, omplicated financial Miss Chapman in the seaside suburb of Kavouri in October, anufacturers were said

Miss Chapman, who was visit convict him.

ing Greece at the invitation of a London travel agency, was

original confession made to the police, which, he maintained, had been obtained under duress. The victim's father, Mr Edward Chapman, of Purney, believes his daughter died during an interrogation by the Greek junta's security police which, he asserts, subsequently strand the killing.

staged the killing. -Mr Chapman's efforts since the fall of the junta to induce the Greek Government to reopen the investigation on account of the blanks left by the Moundis trial, have been unsuccessful.

Mr Moundis's plea for a remr mounds s piez for a re-trial was rejected by the penal section of the Supreme Court in July, 1978, by four votes against three. The three judges filed a minority opinion which queried the evidence used to

New York vote

From Our Own Correspondent New York, March 20 President Carter's attempt to win back New York's Jewish voters foundered badly last night when Mr Robert Strauss, the chairman of his reelection campaign, stalked out of a fund raising meeting of Jewish leaders after being constantly interrupted while speaking to

Although Mr Carter can now hardly be defeated for the Democratic Party's nomination, his campaign managers are worried about the Jewish vote in next week's New York primary poll. Jewish voters could swing the primary to Senator Edward Kennedy if

they vote for him en masse
"I did not come here to pur
up with you", Mr Strauss told
a rabbi at the meeting who had
sought to question him on the
President's Middle East policies, and in particular the vote-later reversed—for a United Nations resolution denouncing Israel's West Bank settlements.

tougher policy towards refug-

ees are visible in this district. The Thais have in effect closed the border to all Kampucheans,

even those trying to enter the

huge holding centre of 112,000

refugees at Khao-i-Dang eight

at the holding centre in the past

two days have been returned to

Some 69 refugees who arrived

miles from the border.

London group canvasses for Mr Carter By Ian Bradley

A committee has been set up in London to canvass for the Carter-Mondale campaign among the 100,000 Americans living in Britain.

the London Business School, said it would be working specifically to persuade Democrats in Britain to register so that they could vote in the overseas primary election as well as in the presidential election.

half a vote each and four alter-native delegates at the Democratic convention in New York in August Seven of these delegates will be chosen by a postal ballot of all registered Democrats in country organizations by May 18, and the other five at a public meeting in London

candidacy of Senator Edward Kennedy in Britain, formed at the end of last year, is also working actively along the same

Overseas primaries were introduced in 1976 for the 2,000,000 Americans estimated to be living outside the United States.

Peking Foreign minister's first visit to Hongkong

the Chinese Foreign Minister, confirmed that New China news agency and not the People's Bank of China is now Peking's main unofficial contact with Hongkong. The first director of the

Hongkong branch of the news agency, Mr Wang Kuan, met Mr Huang at the airport on his arrival yesterday and, together with Sir Murray MacLehose, the governor, formally wished him farewell on his departure for Peking today.

From Richard Hughes

Hongkong, March 20

The one-night stopover in Hongkong of Mr Huang Huather Chinese Foreign Minister and Singapore lations with members of the lations with the lations with the lations with lations with the Association of South-East Asian nations. He is the first communist

foreign minister to visit Hong-kong. In May, 1955, Mr Chou En-lai, who was the Prime Minister, stopped for one hour at the old Hongkong airport on his way to the Bandung con-ference in Indonesia. Sir Murray entertained Mr Huang to dinner at Government House last night where he met senior government officials and

civic leaders.

China frees American and gives him important work Peking, March 20. - An

American who spent nine years in Chinese jails has just been given an important job in the Social Sciences Chinese Academy.

Mr Sidney Rittenberg, who Is 60, has become an adviser to the academy with a probable brief of making contact with foreign personalities, American sources said.

Mr Rittenberg, who left Peking this week for a stay of several months in the United States, has lived in China since

He was the last westerner held in a Chinese prison as a result of the Cultural Revolution, being released only three years ago. He was also the only foreigner to have had fairly foreigner to have made of close ties with the entourage of Mao Tse-tung and his wife Jiang Qing, who today is herself in jail.

During the Cultural Revolution he seized control of Peking radio at the head of a Red Guard faction called the "com-

Taiwan dissident blames police for causing riot

Taipei, March 20.—One of Taiwan's leading political disfor sedition that an anti-govern-ment riot last December could have been avoided if the police had not fired tear gas without warning into a crowd.

Shih Ming-teh, aged 39. is one of eight former executives; of the now banned political. magazine Formosa charged with: attempting to overthrow the-Government by illegal means after the riot, in which 183 members of the security forces were injured, He told the court a rally

organized by Formosa in the southern city of Kaobsiung had been peaceful until the crowd of about 10,000 people was encircled by security forces. Mr Shib, general manager of Formosa who has spent nearly half his life in jail on sedition charges, said tear gas bombs were fired after negotiations with the authorities failed. He said that the magazine, which frequently criticized the Government, was founded last August with the aim of establishing a base for legal

opposition and an opposition party. He denied he was plot-ting with the others to overthrow the Government. The president of the five-member tribunal hearing the

case has announced that it will bat corps for the thoughts of investigate several charges that Mao Tse-tung". This led to his arrest and imprisonment in 1968 after order was restored. Reuter. investigate several charges that

Vietnam paints bright picture but admits hunger exists

Hanoi, March 20.-Hunger, "You don't transform a society prostitution, black marketeer- with machine guns." ing, robbery and corruption are still features of Saigon life in cial Vietnamese news agency. But Saigon has changed con-

siderably in the last five years, according to the pamphlet.

Drug-peddling and prosti-The pamphlet says that the Vietnamese Government could have, in the manner of Mr Pol is ready to follow. Pot, the ousted Kampuchean leader, claim to be carry in ing out a radical revolution, per

1980, according to a pamphlet picture", most people in Saigon released in Hanoi by the offi- are behind the regime, the pamphlet says. It points to achievements in education and health.

It says there is a favourable You can move around in consensus throughout Vietnam the city, even after dark, with on the policies pursued by the no more danger than you regime. As a result, Vietnam would in any American city", is a nation without a "political opposition", it contends. 'A country has a political

tution are no longer flagrant. opposition when a party, a Food is still a problem, but group, or an individual comes nobody is dying of hunger." 'Let us take over', and when a sizable portion of the people

"There is nothing like this Vietnam, No group or ng out a radical revolution. personality can claim in good We didn't do that", it adds. faith to do better than the

People want and demand In spite of "grumbling over changes in such and such an some aspects of the present area or in such and such a policy—but not a change of regime." The pamphlet provides no in-

formation on the number of people undergoing reeducation camps, but says that "no, more humane policy could pos-sibly have been adopted " for those guilty of "high treason crimes" punishable by death or life imprisonment.

"We will free these poonle when it is no longer dangerous to do so", the pamphlet says. It adds: "This has already

been done in many cases. the threat of war from the relationships."-Agence France Peking-Washington axis that Presse.

present Government is doing, hangs over our country is delaying their release." The pamphlet puts the number of "boat people" who left the country between 1975 and ..

1980 at 350,000. " For Vietnam, those scaving are still fellow countrymen and brothers, and we appeal to the international community to provide them with all necessar;;

Concluding on an optimistic. ... note, the pamphlet states :--Our people are hardworking and and alive to their responsibili-erties. Our party is experienced. When it makes mistakes it has the courage to criticize itself. "For those still in detention. That is part of its great at their future depends on their strength. But it is not all up attitude, though also on the to us. It also depends on the situation in general. Clearly future of our international

he had told delegates ore than 40 countries Pol Pot, former Prime of the ousted regime, old free and fair elecnder United Nations ion following any Vietwithdrawal

Vietnam and the Soviet which back the current enh government of Mr amrio, left the conferill during the Khmer

Warlord ousted in refugee fighting From Neil Kelly Camp Reahou, Kampuchea,

March 20 k, March 20.-Kam-Something akin to civil war ould be put back on an over the past two days has killed at least 26 people. I footing if the ousted wounded 50 and driven one of Kampuchea's border war louge regime were rolords from control of Camp Reabou, an encampment of uld not be the same as

100,000 Kampucheans straddiing the Thai border 175 miles east of Bangkok. Ten children died in the fighting, which went on for several hours. More than 30 large grass and bamboo buildings were destroyed in the

fighting and by fire later. Ten mutilated bodies were displayed to visiting journalists in one building near camp headquarters which had been destroyed by fire. Three bodies of young men, shot through the head and bound as for execution, lay on the roadside inside Thailand about two miles from

the camp. Details of the fighting and of those taking part in it are confused. An independent foreign observer who was here yesterday said an explosion of five mortar bombs heralded automatic rifle fire and the

sound of rocket-propelled Thai army officers on the by tonight. Those who have not

border said that Vietnamese returned will not be allowed to forces had not taken part in the fishting, but Mr Wan Sarin, the The first signs of Thailand's fighting, but Mr Wan Sarin, the anti-communist camp com-mander driven from the camp, said that Vietnamese mortars had fired into the camp from a distance of just over a mile.

Mir Sarin said that left-wing

Khmer Rouge forces had attacked the camp after Vietnamese mortar fire. The object of both attacks was to kill him. Some Kampucheans here said that a number of people in the camp had joined forces hostile to the right-wing "Free Khmer" on the border to oust Mr Sarin. They said he was hated for his dictatorial meth-

ods and his profiteering from foreign food aid. Mr Sarin was the most powerful of the "border warlords" and his overthrow will have important repercussions among all Kampuchean forces resisting the Vietnamese.

His own future is uncertain. That Army fire base about two miles from his old camp, he said he would be killed if the Thais forced him to return to his old camp. Most of the tens of thou-sands of Kampucheans who fled from the camp during the

fighting have returned there

the border and told they must not move into Thailand. When they protested on humanitarian grounds they were told by the Thai Army that they had to accept the situation. One man who was kept under guard today while awaiting to be taken back to the border, said his wife was in the Khao-i-

"She is just over there some-

Dane camp.

where and I am not allowed to look for her." oday, as he sheltered in a Money back: The Vietnamese supported Government of Kampuchea has issued a new currency, almost five years after money was abolished by the former Khmer Rouge regime, the Phnom Penh news agency SPK reported today. It gave no exchange rates against foreign

One of its members. Mr Stephen Lloyd, a lecturer at "Democrats Abroad"

have eight voting delegates with

A committee to support the

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Council's resolution on homelessness declared invalid

Attorney General, on the rela-tion of Tilley, v Wandsworth London Borough Council Refore Judge Mervyn Davies, sitting as a Chancery judge [Judgment delivered March 17]

A resolution passed by Wandsworth London Borough Council that assistance with housing accommodation be not provided under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1973, in cases where a decision had been reached that a family with young children were intentionally homeless was held to be ultra vires and invalid, held to be ultra vires and invalid, and his Lordship granted a declaration accordingly. The action had been brought by the Attorney General on the relation of Mrs Tracey Tilley, a council member and chairman of the council's social services committee between December, 1973, and March, 1978.

Mr John Macdonald, QC. and Mr Andrew Bano for the plalutiffs; Mr Michael Beloft for the council.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the resolution was passed by the social services committee on July 4, 1979, and confirmed by the council on July 24. It read:
"Where intentional homelessness had been determined by the councli in respect of a family with young children, and subsequently an approach is made to the social services department, it be decider

tion between those intentionally homeless and those who were homeless otherwise than inten-

intentionally.

The duty of a local authority with respect to the father of a family unintentionally homeless was to provide accommodation for him and his family, but in the case of the father (or mother) of a family intentionally homeless the duty was simply (a) to furnish advice and appropriate assistance (section 4 (2)) and (b) to secure that accommodation was made available for such period as the authority considered would give him a reasonable opportunity of himself acquiring accommodation (section 4(3)). An intentionally hometess family might thus be placed by the local authority in temporary accommodation, but once a reasonable opportunity had been given to find accommodation they could be evicted and would become homeless with no duty owed to them by the authority. owed to them by the authority. His Lordship was satisfied that the council had had full regard to the code of guidance issued by the Secretary of State, as required by section 12. Section 1 of the Children Act, 1948 (which was being replaced by section 2 of the Child Care Act, 1980) imposed on a local authority a duty to receive children into care when, inter alla, the parents were them-

an approach is made to the services department, it be decided that assistance with alternative housing be not provided under the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1963, although consideration be given to the reception into care of the children should their circumstances so warrant it and that the whole matter be reviewed by the committee in three months time." No review in fact took place before the present action was started.

The Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, 1979, which imposed certain duties with respect to Inter alia, the parents were them

if the local bt, include may, think subsection may, if the local authority think lit, include provision for giving assismance in kind or, in exceptional circumstances, in cash ". The purpose was to avoid the need to receive into care if the child's welfare would be better promoted by giving advice, guidance or assistance, which might in exceptional circumstances bethy way of

Enfore July, 1979. The council took the view that in an appropriate case assistance could be given by providing bed and breakfast accommodation for families intentionally homeless under section 1 of the 1963 Act, on the basis that there was a duty or discretion to make such assistance available in cash as might promote the wel-fare of the children by diminishing the need to receive them into are, their welfare being promoted by their remaining with their parents rather than being taken

Mrs Tilley contended that the resolution marked a change in the council's policy and that the new policy meant that the 1977 Act was improperly influencing the right administration of the Children Acts. Mr Beloff submitted that a local

authority had no power under sec-tion 1 of the 1963 Act to provide assistance by way of housing or bed and breakfast accommodation. bed and breakfast accommodation.
If that were right surprising consequences ensued, involving that
the local authority had acted unlawfully in the past and that the
resolution was one not to exercise
a power that they did not have.
Mr Macdonald's attitude was that
the courcil could not use their the council could not use their power in the way indicated in the

His Lordship did not accept Me Ris Lorusiny and not accept me Beloff's submission that "assist-ance in kind" must mean the pro-vision of goods and services as opposed to accommodation. Sec-tion 12 (2) of the National Assist-

ance Act, 1948, defined "assist-ance in kind" as "including" and nor meaning "the provision of goods and services. The purpose of section 1 of the 1963 Act was to diminish the need to receive children into care, and since one occasion on which such need existed was when their parents had of accommodation for children.
"Assistance" where it first
appeared in the section was not

appeared in the section was not necessarily limited to "assistance in kind", even if those words did exclude "accommodation". In his Lordship's view the placing of a child with its parents in accom-modation was within the local anthority's power under the sec-tion. Whether to do so had to be decided on the facts of each case. Briefly, Mr Macdonald's sub-mission was that if a local authority might provide accom-modation under section 1 of the

1963 Act, then it was ultra vires for it to refuse accommodation for families who were intentionally homeless, particularly if the authority so decided while remaining ready to provide under the Act for other families. The resolution, it was said, cut out one tion, it was said, cut out one course open to the council in deal-ing with children of intentionally

Having referred to Associated Provincial Picture Houses List v Wednesburg Corporation ([1948] I KB 223) and other authorities, see whether the local anthority thereby bound itself to make future decisions in individual cases under the 1963 Act without taking account of some of the considerations which it ought to

When considering a child whose parents were prevented from providing proper accommodation the viding proper accommodation the local authority had a duty under the 1948 Act to receive the child into care, and at the same time it must consider, pursuant to the 1963 Act, whether any assistance would promote the child's welfare by diminishing the need to receive the child into care. Since "assistance?" included "accommodation" it was plain that in every case where, for whatever reason. case where, for whatever reason, a family was without a home the local authority was obliged to consider whether the child's welfare required that some attempt be made to keep the family to-sether. It might very well be that in many cases the interests of the child would be better served by being taken into care, but on every occasion the question must be asked where the authority, acting by its responsible officer, was considering receiving into care a considering receiving into care a child of homeless parents. The resolution of July 4 meant that the question would not be asked and the resolution was therefore

The local authority social services committee were likely to allow exceptions to the rule, but his Lordship did not think that it could be regarded as a mere statement of general policy. While the resolution stood, the committee would be much influenced by the policy it had ladd down, so much so as to raise a doubt whether any decision reached could be said to be a fair decision. The mere existence of the resolution meant that in operating section 1 of the 1963 Act there would be a differentiation between children according to the conduct of their parents. The plaintiffs' claim therefore succeeded and claim therefore succeeded and there would be a declaration as

Mother's supplementary benefit case to go to Lords

requirements had to be compared mission v Juli Before Mr Justice Woolf Refore Mr Justice Woolf

A maintenance order made payable direct to a child in the care of the mother should not be taken into account when calculating the mother's entitlement to supplementary benefit. Mr Justice Woolf dismissed an appeal by the Supplementary Benefits Commission from a decision of Reading Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tribunal which had allowed an appeal by Mrs Susan Juli of Andover. The method of calculation adopted by the commission had resulted in her receiving £6.70 less benefit a week.

The commission was granted

The commission was granted leave to appeal direct to the House of Lords by the leapfrog-House of Lords by the leaptrog-ging procedure.

Paragraph 3(2) of Schedule I to the Supplementary Benefits Act. 1976, provides: "Where a person has to provide for the requirements of another person who is a mem-ber of the some household.

aggregated."
Mr Andrew Collins for the commission; Mrs Linda Davies for Mrs Juli. Mrs Juli.

Mrs Juli was... divorced and her former husband had been ordered to make periodical payments of \$21 a week to her and \$12 a week direct to the child, who lived with her. He had paid the child's order regularly, but had not paid anything on Mrs Juli's order, so that she had to have recourse to supple mentary benefit. The cimmission, in assesing her entitlement to in assessing her entitlement to benefit, took into account as part of her resoures the £12 a week payable direct to the child. The result was that she received £6.78 less benefit than she would have received had the child's order not

received had the child's order not been taken into account.

Reading, Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tribunal allowed her appeal and the commission now appealed to the High Court.

The answer to the question whether the maintenance paid direct to a child who lived with his mother had to be taken into account when calculating the mother's entitlement to supplementary benefit depended on the proper construction of paragraph 3(2) of Schedolfe I to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976. Mr Collins said that in order to factorize the paragraph it was necessary to have regard to the structure of the Act as a whole, and that in order to find out the

compared with the schedule and the resources squalted operated requirements there mens with statutory resources rather than actual requirements with than actual requirements with actual resources. His Lordship agreed with that approach, and accepted that where the statute specified situations where there had to be aggregation of statutory requirements and resources of one person with those of another, then that must be of another, then that must be done in order to calculate the

For the commission it was submitted that the words "where a person has to provide for the requirements of another person" referred to the question whether the person was legally obliged to provide for the requirements. His Lordship had concluded that interpretation could not be correct and was too narrow. The wording of paragraph 3(2) had to be compared with sections 17 and 18 of the 1976 Act, which used the word "liable" expressly to achieve the result which it was

achieve the result which it was contended was intended to be achieved by paragraph 3(2). If the same result was intended his Lordship would have expected the paragraph to read "where a person was liable to provide" rather than "has to provide" rather than "has to provide". Looking at the Act as a whole, the wording of paragraph 3(2) was designed to achieve the same result not only where the relationship was one of parent and child but also a relationship, such as that between grandparent and as that between grandparent and grandchild in the same bousehold where there was no legal liability to maintain. That appeared to have been the view of the commission: Handbook, paragraph
16. In the case of such relationships, although there would be
no legal obligation to provide for
a child, the person would have to
provide for the child.

Mrs. Davies accepted that it would not be practical and that it could not have been intended that there should be a detailed investithere should be a detailed investi-gation of the facts in order to-ascertain whether a case was one for aggregation under paragraph 3(2). The word "requirements," could not be given its ordinary meaning as, there could be an infinite variety to the requirements of individual children. She con-tended that "requirements" tended that "requirements" meant monetary requirements as specified by the person concerned in Schedule I to the Act. Thus in the normal case of a child, in order to -find his requirements, one deeded only to look to paragraph 7(c) of the schedule which set out the appropriate sums as the requirements of differing persons according to age. Having found requirements of differing person according to age. Having found out the requirements one then had to find out the resources and again

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Tea smuggling

From Our Special Correspondent Belfast, March 21.—Partition meant for Ireland the establish-ment of a new industry which some would estimate as not the some would estimate as not the least profitable: that of singg-ling. Custom officials are always the first people the traveller from one territory to another meets. Now rather surprisingly the commodity for which they most eagerly search the visitors' lug-gage is tea. With the soaring cost of tea; during the past months the Government of Eire decided on January 1 that as a measure to triville the cost of light expert. statifize the cost of living, especially that of the most important items of food, tea should be fixed at the price of 6s a pound for the better qualities. Tea importers Ltd, a government sponsored bulk buying agency, was authorized to sell at this level by drawing on

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Substituting manslaughter verdict for murder conviction Regina v Spratt

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Ackner and Mr Justice O'Connor. When a defence of manslaughter by reason of diminished responsilillity is rejected and a verdict of murder is returned by a jury, the Court of Appeal has jurisdiction under section 3 of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968, to substitute a conviction of manslaughter for the

jury's verdict.

Their Lordships so held when giving reasons for having quashed a verdict of murder, which had been returned on the trial of heen returned on the trial of Arthur Edward Spratt, aged 54, at St. Alban's Crown Court (Mr Justice Melford Stevenson) in respect of the killing of Joan Irene Naughton, with whom he had been living. On compassionate grounds the court, on the hearing of the appeal on March 13, ordered the appellant's immediate release since his life expectancy release since his life expectancy was very limited and, in substitut-ing a conviction of manslaughter, substituted such settence as was

appropriate to have enabled his release to have been ordered. Section 3 provides (1) This section applies on an appeal against conviction, where the appellant has been convicted of an offence and the jury could on the indictment have found him guilty of some other offence, and on the finding of the jury it appears to the Court of Appeal

that the jury must have been satisfied of facts which proved him gullty of the other offence. (2) The court may, instead of allow-ing or dismissing the appeal, substitute for the verdict found by the jury a verdict of guilty of the other offence, and pass such sentence in substitution for the sentence passed at the trial as may be authorized . . . for the other offerce

John Zieger for the appellant; Mr William Howard, OC, and Mr Colin Nicholls for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the sole issue for the jury was whether the appellant was guilty of murder or whether he was guilty of manslaughter on the ground that at the time of the killing he was suffering from such an abnormality of mind arising from injury as substantially impaired his mansal responsibility impaired his manual responsibility for his acts and omissions in doing the killing.

The principal evidence for the

The principal evidence for the defence was given by a consultant psychiatrist who, having considered earlier medical reports, concluded that as a result of a motor accident in 1966 the appellant suffered serious brain damage resulting in epilepsy and a marked personality deseriora-tion. He was performing at a borderline subnormal level—the level of a child of nine or 10 years of age—and his emotions were those of an immature child. The

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appellant accordingly had responded to provocation, which he received on the evening of the killing, in a grossly exaggerated way as a brain damaged immature individual would.

The prosecution called in rebuttal Dr Manorama Mehar Singh Legha, then medical officer at Brixton prison. She considered the appellant's intellect to be normal, that he was not suffering from severe brain days as and from severe brain damage, and she doubted whether be had ever so suffered. She was firmly of the view that he was not suffering from any abnormally of mind and accordingly, his mental responsibility at the time of the killing was not diminished. Subsequent events led the Director of Public Prosecutions to

commission an independent medical report, which proved strongly critical of Dr Legha, who was apparently now suspended from duties. The prosecution no longer relied on her evidence and accepted that, at the time of the offence, the appellant was suffer-ing from diminished respon-

Their Lordships, therefore, had Their Lordships, therefore, had concluded that the verdict of murder should be set aside on the ground that it was unsafe and unsatisfactory. If the consultant psychiatrist's evidence as to diminished responsibility had stood unchallenged, as it should have been, the jury would have

manslaughter.

The logical step was to have substituted for the verdict of murder one of manslaughter.

However, Mr Taylor had drawn attention in R v Deacon ([1973] 1 WLR 696), an authority which, at first sight, seemed to show that their Lordships had no power to take that course. The facts of that case were quite unusual. Having considered section 3 the court concluded that they had no nower to substitute a product of court concluded that they had no power to substitute a verdict of manslaughter on the footing that that was the verdict which the jury must inevitably have reached had the case been tried in accordance with the law. In the words of Lord Widgery, giving the reserved judgment of the court, at p 699: "What is necessary is that the findings of the jury them-

at p 659: What is necessary as that the findings of the jury them-selves must establish the appro-priate facts to support the alter-In the present case, however, the jury found, first, that the appellant did kill Mrs Naughton, and, secondly, that he did so unlawfully. There never was any issue as to those matters. On those findings, the jury must have been satisfied of facts which proved the appellant guilty of manclanghter.

manslaughter. The defective evidence of Dr Legha was not related to those findings and, if her evidence was expunged; the jury's satisfaction

affected. True, the jury made further findings, namely, that the appellant had the necessary murderous intent and that he had failed to establish the defence of diminished responsibility, and accordingly they did not bring in a verdict of manslaughter. However, their Lordships had to However, their Lordsings had to consider, not the totality of the jury's finding, but only whether they must have been satisfied of sufficient facts to prove the appellant guilty of the other offence. Their Lordsings were not substituting a verdict of "guilty of manslanghter by reason of diminished responsibility"—there was no such verdict.

findings justified manufaughter on the basis that they must have been the basis that they must have been satisfied of facts which proved that the homicide was neither justifiable nor excusable. The fact that they rejected the defence of diminished responsibility because of the defective medical evidence called by the prosecution was, accordingly, irrelevent. Their Lordships, therefore, concluded that they had power to substitute a conviction of manisanghter and—although it was of slanghter and—although it was of only academic interest in the present case—that it was right to

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250cc. But since this limit was sec in 1961 motorcycles have become steadily more powerful and a 250cc bike can travel up to 90 mph.

The trouble is that, as with cars, cubic capacity by itself does not necessarily give the true picture of an engine's performance. It needs to be qualified by quoting brake horsepower as well. The advisory committee recommended limiting the power of the machine a learner can ride to 12 bhp, which is roughly the equivalent to 125cc and suggests a

top speed of 60 mph.

The second area of agreement to omerge from Mr Clarke's discussion was that there should be a limit on the number of provisional licences a learner driver may hold. At the moment a learner can renew his licence every 12 months and drive forever without taking a test. Although there are no figures, it seems a large number of riders do

Perhaps surprisingly, the advisory committee was against restricting provisional licences and another proposel designed to have a similar effect, a rising scale of fees for licence renewals. It argued that would always be people genuinely unable to take a test, for instance through illness, within a prescribed time and saw danger of bureaucratic complications".

The fact remains, and advisory committee recognize this; that there is very little incentive to take a test. A 17-year-old can get straight on to a 90 mph machine and as long as he does not carry an unqualified passenger

the freedom of the road is his. One reason given for not taking a test is the very long waiting list, an average of six months but much longer in some parts of the country such as greater London and the west Midlands. Mr Clarke is confident however, of being able to bring this waiting time down so that

it would no longer offer any excuse. A third, and possibly the most important issue that the Government must face, is that of training. According to the advisory committee, only 15 per cent of new riders undergo any form of training. And it recommended that unless this figure could be raised to 75 per cent within three years training should be compulsory. Compulsion has also been urged by, among others, the chief constable of Lincolnshire where motorcyle casualties are well above the national average.

While declaring himself con-Clarke intimated this week that the Government would be thinking long and hard before going as far as compulsion. "We prefer voluntary methods wherever possible", he said. On the other hand, half of motorcyle casualties are teenagers, which argues a high correlation between accidents and inexperience.

There are two national training schemes for motorcycle riders. One has been operating since 1947 by the Royal Automobile Club, Courses are available at some 360 centres, including 70 schools. The other is the School Traffic Education Programme (STEP) launched in 1978 and financed by

a levy on the sale of machines.

New life for a veteran-the Renault 4GTL

In this way the industry contributes some £450,000 a year to motorcycle training. STEP run more than 400 basic, intermediate and courses. advanced, and hopes by the middle of this year to have expanded to all the major population centres so that tuition can be available nationally, without waiting, for every new

That being so, it would seem a simple move to make attendance at STEP course a condition of granting a provisional licence. New riders would at least be raught the busics of handling a machine. The Government may be committed to per-suasion rather than legislation, but if it is really serious about tackling what Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, last week called a "horrifying " level of motor-cycle casualities, crocodile tears may not be enough.

Road test: Renault 4GTL

To drive a Renault 4 is to enter an almost forgotten world of motoring, a time when gearsticks were on the facia, handbrakes were of the push-pull variety and ergonomics had not yet been invented. Ergonomics is the supposed science of having all the car's controls handily situated within reach of the driver's fingertips. The Renault 4 completely rejects such a notion and it would be difficult to conceive of switches and buttons more inconveniently

Yet the car has survived for some 19 years and should, during 1980, notch up its six millionth sale (comfortably ahead of the Mini, which had a two-year start). I suppose the secret of the Renault 4 is that it has a sort of timeless quality. Since there was no attempt at styling in the first place the shoebox shape

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Another characteristic of the R4 has been its excellent ride. Soft, long travel suspension shows a remarkable ability to soak up-albeit somewhat noisily—bumps on the road. The corollary is prunounced body roll when cornering though this is felt more by passengers than the driver, and if the car may feel it is about to keel over, roadholding is most impressive. The GTL is a new version of the

R4, introduced in France two years ago and in Britain at the end of January. The main change is that the 845cc engine is replaced by 2 1108cc unit, which not only means better performance but, through higher gearing, even better fuel consumption and less noise.

The seats are far removed from the hammock style of the original 4. being cloth-covered and adjustable in front for rake and reach. and plastic side strips have been fitted to protect the bodywork from minor knocks. The GTL costs £3,181, only £210 more than the \$45cc TL model, which continues, and it

seems from every point of view the One of the most striking improvements is the reduction in engine noise. The Renault 4 has not, to put it mildly, been one of the quietest cars on the road but the GTL is much more relaxed, even at near its top speed of 75 mph. The gear-

ing tells the story: the TL engine manages only 14.83 mph per 1,000 revs, the GTL 19.69. This helps to explain why fuel consumption is one-eighth better on the latest version, the official goverument urban cycle figure being

almost 45 mpg. That makes the GTL the most economical town car sold in Britain, though for some reason my own consumption, in mixed driving was rather higher at 38 mpg.
Performance is noticeably better well, though the 0-60 acceleration time is still more than 20 seconds and top gear flexibility is modest until the car is travelling least 40 mph. There are other criticisms one could make-the heat. ing and ventilation system, for in-stance, is crude and ineffective—but

there is no reason why the 4 should

not go on for many more years.

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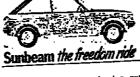
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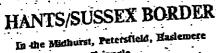
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UK to insist on a price freeze on those EEC farm products in surplus: little room for manoeuvre

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, confirmed at question time that in the last resort the Government would have to consider withholding VAT contributions if nothing was done about the United Kingdom contribution to the EEC budget.

Earlier Mr Michael Ancram (Edinburgh, South, C) had suggested that to correct the imbalance in the contributions to the EEC the Government should consider imposing a surrharce on sider imposing a surcharge on United Kingdom oil supplies to the EEC countries until the account was in balance again.

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—I do not think that would necessarily get the account in balance again. I would prefer to go about it in the orthodox way of genuinely trying to get an equi-table settlement on the budget question between ourselves and our European partners. That will be our objective at the summit later this mouth.

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—There are conflicting reports about Government policy on these budgetary matters.

Is it the Prime Minister's intention, to use her own phrase, "to get her money back" or is she prepared to settle for a compromize?

If it was necessary for interest rates to rise further then they would have to rise, Mr Nigel Law-ron, Floancial Secretary to the Treasury, said during question

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East.

C1—If interest rates have to go up again would he have conversations with the businesses who have to pay higher interest rates with a riew to those caregories having an easement of the rates?

By Lawson-I hope it will not be

necessity for interest rates to 20 un again. Our priority is the battle against inflation, and if it is recessary, and I profoundly hope it will not be, for interest rates to rise further then they will have to

par Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and econo-rac affairs (Leeds, East, Lab)—If he had not broken all his monetary rules and lent £1,500m to the clear-

ng banks for the last few weeks, interest rates now would be over

further to protect the exchange rate?

hir Lawson-On the last part, that

is not our policy nor do we need to do it. Sterling is strong because of the confidence in the Govern-ment's economic policies.

Mr John Evans (Newton, Lah)— The current level of interest rates, helpful to the banks, do not appear

to be helpful to small husinesses.

Mr Lawson-The high inflation which would result if there had not

which would result there has not been a firm monetary policy, which involved regrettably for the time being high interest rates, would be far worse for small businessmen than the present level of

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budget as a separate item or is she ready to enter into a compromize package which would involve lamb, fish o energy.

In particular, does she intend to maintain the price freeze on agri-cultural products that are in sur-These are the worries on which

Mrs Thatcher-I adhere to the phrase I used immediately after the Dublin sammit—that we are prepared to compromize but have little room for manoeuvre. doubt about that.

of other matters we need to settle—fish, agricultural prices, sheepmeat etc—we shall continue to treat each item on its merits. We simply must do so. It is our intention to stick to a rice freeze on those products price freeze on those which are in surplus.

Mrs Tostcher-I answered that in the first question. I adhere strictly to the phrase I used after Dublin: there has to be a compromise but I have not very much mom for manouevre. He is familiar with these problems and will not wish me to 20 further.

Mr Callaghan—As before Dublin, I did not press her on details, I do not wish to tie her hands behind her back now, but if Mrs Thatcher is still to command the support we have offered, it is important that In the last resort, we shall have to consider witholding our VAT contributions and let there be no doubt about that.

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Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C)—Has the Prime that the prices to the housewife by 3ip in the 5. Will she confirm that, no matter

what the view of the assembly is, it is no part of her policy to allow price rises like that? Mrs Thatcher_I have seen reports which are in surplus.

Mr Callaghan—I am obliged to Mrs that the committee approved a 7.9 per cent rise. I can certainly give fisates. A number of differing reports have emerged. The House unanimously resolved on July 16 thing like it.

Sensible pay deals aid competitiveness

The policy of consciously depre-ciating the exchange rate had been tried at different times in the past and had not proven to be a conspicuous success, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequ-Howe Chancellor of the Exchequer, said at question time.

Bir Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab)—The easiest way to get the exchange rate down would be to get the Bank of England to sell sterling on the foreign exchanges.
The reason the Government is not doing this is its fear that the money supply might increase.

This is a high price to pay for the economic fear of the Government when one takes into account the agonies of British Industry in meeting accounts.

Ptr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lah)—Had he and his fellow Treasury ministers had their way and introduced money based control at an earlier date, bank profits would have been higher than they are today. Would he confirm that the Green Paper on monetary control published today represents an abandoument by Treasury munisters of any serious Sir Geoffrey Howe (East Surrey, C)—During the period of the Labour Government when Mr Shel-Freasury ministers of any serious intention of going on to a money based control? Fir Lawson—The monetary control Green Paper does certainly evince don was a distinguished member of the Treasury team it was decided it was folly to continue intervening in the way he has described. It was a sceptical attitude to the merits of monetary based control. It is a discussion document and we intend to an into these discussions in having the adverse effects on the money supply which he anticito go into these discussions good faith to see what emerges.

> venes in that way, however it affects the exchange rate, the money supply will be adversely affected and so will the domestic rate of inflation. Mr Stephen Porrell (Lough-borough, C)—The effective exchange rate now stands at 10 per exchange rate now stends at 10 per comb incher than it did before the devaluation of 1967 and 20 per combiener than it did in the mid-1970s. How quickly does he expect the productivity of British industry to restore the competitive halance? Sir Geoffrey Bowe—I am not prepared to comment on the precise figures put by Mr Dorrell. It is as well to remember that at different well to remember that at different well to remember that at different periods in the past the exchange rate has been consciously depre-ciated in the pursuit of expanding opportunities. That has not as a

It must follow that if one inter-

t is important in the world in which we live and the conditions in which the British economy has to operate, with a petro-currency to hand, for those who bargain in British industry to recognize the importance of sensible pay bargaining as a factor in maintaining the competitiveness of British industry.

It is about time the Government set out a strategy for the next few years to ensure that these revenues are used to build up and recon-struct our industries and not destroy them. Sir Geoffrey Howe—It is sensible to recognize the importance of growing North Sea revenues in the

turing exports. The most important thing for people throughout British industry to understand is that they can do more than any government by the effectiveness of their working together to maintain and improve the competitiveness of British in-

Royal Assent

Bankruptcies inevitable

Any policy which sought to reduce inflation would have as a consequence a period of extreme, uncomfortable dislocation, one man-ifestation of which was bankruptcies. Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said. He was replying to Mr John Garrett (Norwich, South, Lab), for the Opposition, who had said that one result of the Government's fixetion with restricting the growth of the money supply was an inev-itable increase in bankruptcies, particularly among small firms. Mr Biffen said-I believe any

the first uncomfortable moment one has to accept there are uncon

Mr Kenneth Woolmer (Batley and Morley, Lab)—One of the reasons for the high exchange rate is the

growing revenues accruing, from North Sea oil and gas. These growing revenues are causing the massacre of our manufacturing industry.

halance of the economy. It is sen-sible not to be alarmist about them. There has been in the last few months a growth in manufac-

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dislocation, one manifestation of which is bankruptcies. That will happen however you set about reducing inflation. I do not deny that for one moment. I do not repudiate it. I do not rejoice in it.

If one believes one will fight inflation and if one is genuine about it and will not run away at

French told: Accept rules or quit game

The objective of the Government in EEC negotiations was to start to tackle the ghastly problems of surplus it had inherited, and to see that Britain was a net beneficiary, Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

He moved a motion taking note of EEC documents on agricultural prices and markets, CAP economy measures, sheepmear and liquer wines. It supported the Govern-ment's intention on 1980-81 agri-cultural prices and the economies package to seek an agreement aimed at reducing the production of surpluses and the costs of the CAP. Agreement on changed or new policies on sheepmeat, structures and liquer wine would only be made if these were fully consistent with United Kingdom essential interests.

Mr Walker (Worcester, C)—said that last year they had achieved the lowest increase in common agricultural prices since Britain joined the EEC. For the first time, a freeze had been achieved on milk and dairy products, major-items in surplus. For the first time, Britain had

items in surplus.

For the first time, Britain had come out of price-fixing as a net beneficiary, as opposed to the many previous agreements in which there had been substantial losses. In forthcoming negotiations, the Government would seek to ensure that Britain was again a net beneficiary and did not suffer the piling-on of a further deficit.

Last year, the Government had negotiated the first green pound devaluation. Since then, it had negotiated the first green pound devaluation. Since then, it had achieved two further devaluations. A British minister of agriculture was now able to come and start a debate by saying that British agriculture no longer had the disadvantage of positive monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs) against it. This was a major thonge, due in part to the difference in the exchange rate and the three green pound devaluations, the benefit of which would primarily go through to British farmers' incomes during the 1980 calender year.

The positive decision of the last Labour Government not to devalue the green pound, and to maintain a massive MCA disadvantage aciassic error, it was a mistake for

due to the measures of the CAP. In order to pursue a green pound policy, that Government did immense damage to British agri-There was a wide range of words and phrases being used by the EEC Commission and others the EEC Commission and others which gave a rather distorted impression of what was being proposed in the present budget proposals. There was an impression that the proposals involved great savings. This was not so.

The current revised proposals of the current revised proposals to the commission would show a tries concerned, on which they total expenditure on the CAP of £7,153m, which was 54m higher than last year.

There was a myth going round on the budget which would com-

than last year.

There was a myth going round that there was an \$20m units of accounts saving on last year. That was not a reality. It was a saving was not a reality. It was a saving on the original proposals.

About 70 per cent of the enormous budget was involved in the problems of surpluses and disposing of those surpluses. The budget operated against countries like Britain which was basically an importing country instead of exporting country. He had given to the Commons EEC scrutiny committee figures of the gainers and losers in terms of the budget effects of the

Gainers, based on a projection of the current position of the CAP, would be Holland with a gain of £379m, Denmark £278m, France £205m, Iteland £255m, Italy £292m and Benelux £38m.

The only two losers would be Germany with a loss of £228m, and the United Kingdom with £1.170m. Germany was perfectly happy to pay that price, partly because it could afford a sum such as £228m, and also because the operation of the system gave Germany a colossal trade advantage in foodstuffs and products. Gainers, based on a projection tage in foodstuffs and products.
The United Kingdom suffered by far the most adverse effect from the CAP.

It is for this reason (he said) that the Government are quite rightly demanding a substantial re-adjustment in the budget. calender year.

The positive decision of the last Labour Government not to devalue the green pound, and to maintain a massive MCA disadvantage against British agriculture was a classic error. It was a mistake for which British agriculture was paying quite a considerable price.
For two years, the positive MCA disadvantage never went below 24 per cent, and at times went above 40 per cent.

It created a situation in which a number of spheres of British agricultural production were at a massive adverse disadvantage.

Under the Labour Government, food prices increased by 120 per cent, of which 10 per cent was

It was correct for the Government to pursue an overall adjustment on the budget which would compensate Britain for the adverse effects she was obtaining from the CAP. They should pursue the princi-ple that those who produced un-There had been two meetings of the Council of Agriculture Ministers to discuss the latest pro-Ministers to discuss the latest proposals and there was an incredible
disparity of view on virtually all
the Commission's proposals.

It was not a case of Britain
having one view and all the others
having another. Almost every
country had a separate view of
the proposals. The majority wanted a substantial increase in prices
shows when the Commission were

above what the Commission were proposing.

The French Government considered the budget contribution question should be linked with sheepmeat. fishing and CAP prices. The UK Government made clear that fishing would be settled on fishing rights and aspects only and would have nothing to do with a trade-off of other aspects. On sheepmeat, the French had acted idegally not just for six months since the European Court decision but for two and a quarter years.

years.
A newspaper headline had said
—"Accept the rules or quit the
game, Chirac says."
I would say to M Chirac (the
minister). I think it is a good
motto. I would say to him:
"Accept the rules or quit the
game."
The only country in Europe that
had not accepted the wides that The only country in Europe that had not accepted the rules, that was acting illegelly, the only government in the history of the Community that had decided to ignore the decision of the Europe ignore fire decision of the Eurapean Court for more than six
months, was France.
This was not an Anglo-French
dispute. The Community in its
rotality, the Community in its
rotality, the Community in the
other countries, took the view that
the French were acting filegally
and wrongly on this issue.

mean understanding the social, political and economic problems the French sheepment producer the French sheepment producer the would mean that the french sheepment producer the would mean that the french sheepment producer the world mean that the french sheepment producer the week after next, the figure would go up to 155p and would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would very, going down below 150p and then the french sheepment producer the week after next, the figure would go up to 155p and would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would very, going down below 150p and then the position of the week after next, the figure would go up to 155p and would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would very, going down below 150p and then the position of the week after next, the figure would go up to 155p and would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would very, going down below 150p and then the position of the week after next, the figure would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would very would very and the price shove what it was currently. The figure would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would push the price shove what it was currently. The figure would push the price shove and because the would be more tolerant. But from the would push the would push the price shove and because the would be more tolerant. But from the would push the wo

would be perfectly free to support their sheepment producers at whatever level they wished. whatever level they wished.

The other countries and the Commission had always made it clear they would be perfectly agreeable to a Community financed scheme based upon premium payments which would saleguard the position of French producers, but such a scheme would escognize that Britain produced 47 per cent of the sheepmest in Europe.

The last Council of Ministers had told the French that they had told the French that they

had told the French that they could have a Community financed premium scheme which did not undermine their producers and, if that was not enough, they could have public intervention in France if they wisbed to pay for it.

He would say to those commentators who had said that the British had been awkward and were trying to make it difficult for the French, that that just was not true. He was pleased to have had the opportunity at the Paris agriculture show to say to the agriculture show to say to the French media for the first time that Britain was not trying to undermine sheep producers in The Commission had gone to the

The Commision had gone to the court for an interim injunction. That would be announced within the next week or so. He trusted when it was announced that people would take the advice of M Chirac and realize it was important that any member of the Community accepted the rules of the Community and then abided by them. by them.
The Government was prepared

The Government was prepared to have a properly based Community sheepmeat regime which recognized the role of British sheepmeat producers on a fair and equitable basis. Britain would not be involved in paying compensation to countries for what they obtained by acting illegally. In terms of being Communitative and European it was not Britain against France, it was eight countries of the Community against France, sithough Ireland benefitted from the illegal position of France. The other seven countries were in favour of a proper Community scheme and were unsted in condensing French action.

He hoped it would be clear to the sheep farmers of Britain that the Government was determined to see that their presence and skill continued to benefit Britain. and there was no easy way of tacking it. One of the besmethods was to put a price freezon milk, but it had limitation in its effect on the surplus. I principle it must be better b try to increase consumption i keeping the price low.

As for cereals, of all surpluse that were sensible in terms of foo production, they were the mo-sensible. In terms of security of supply, a surplus of cereals we preferable to a shortage. preferable to a shortage.

There was no need for the it crease in prices suggested by the Commission, particularly for har wheat and maize where the Community was unable to product what was required and levies has to be pald on imports. He hopei prices would be adjusted.

There was no intention of There was no intention of eliminating the beef premium scheme unless there was some thing better svailable in terms of

the security and confidence Britain's beef producers. There were in the structural package some proposals that would benefit the pig meat industry, but there was no speedy likeli hood of that package in its totality being agreed. There was no justification for substantial increases in the wine price, particularly as wine was likely to go into substantial sur-

Britain was in for many weeks and months of difficult and tough The importance to the British economy of retaining and improving the position of agriculture would be borne in mind. It was of fundamental importance to Britain, in terms of balance of payments, its good labour relations and its overall contribution in economic

The Government's first desire and concern was to see that British agriculture continued to play an important part in the revival of the economy.

He did not see speedy changes available in the CAP. Our influence was a good one. Having a bad agricultural policy and supporting one was not being a good, European.

Britain getting the worst of all worlds from Community

He said he was pleased the minister accepted the amendment. Mr Walker needed to be backed when we went to Brussels by the solid support of the House. The situation had worsened in the past two years to Britain's disadvantage and the more MPs could unite in giving him support the better. The Labour Party were convinced in their belief that the Community must change radically.

could never satisfy Britain's needs and operated greatly against its consumers.

Membership of the Community Membership of the Community had not brought with it many of the economic benefits which they had hoped. Withdrawai from the Community would bring great problems but it would also bring some benefits.

Withdrawal was not yet on the the cards. The Government, backed by the Opposition, should work hard for change. The most immediate and important problem was that of the unfairness of the Community hudget and particularly of the CAP. In another three years if there was no basic change the UK contribution was expected to rise to £1,500m—nearly £30 for

Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition spokesmah on agriculture, fisheries and food (Barusley, Lab), moved an amendment calling on the Government "to press for a price freeze on milk and sugar, and, noting that these two commodities which are in structural surplus account for over half the total cost of the common agricultural policy, urges the Government to withhold agreement on any proposed settlement which does not include a plan to achieve a steady reduction in these surpluses".

He said he was pleased the Farmers and farmworkers were

Farmers and farmworkers were appalled at the absurdities and inequities of the CAP. Food prices a Britain had risen to a level where the ywere now almost equal in those of Britain's wealthier Common Market partners. It was time the consumer received more consideration. more consideration. The CAP was too much pro-ducer orientated and not suf-ficiently concerned with consumer

One of the main aims was to stop the creation of food sur-pluses. More thought should be give not disposing of the sur-Our own needy (he said) should benefit from the food mountains crested.

The image of the Community had become tarnished. Britain got the worst or all worlds from the CAP and the Community. Unless (he said) there is a reconstitution of the budget make-up and the CAP, Britain is bound to condinue to suffer. Unless we are able to get out of the present traitischet, our economic future graitiacket, our economic future

France and of French ultra-heat-treated (UHT) milk to Britain were clearly related but they had far more to do the power of the European Court and Britain's right to determine its own policy than with British or French agri-The French would not allow un-

restricted access of British lamb hus would argue for a cut in New Zealand imports, Irrespective of the damage to the New Zealand economy. The situation would lead to intervention buying and the prespect of a lamb mountain.
There was a social need for sup-port of the French industry, but that must be given by the French. We should not have an operation (he said) in which the United Kingdom has to help to finance this. We must not have a new sheepnest regime within the Community which adds to our budgetary problem.

tary problem.

The minister had so far resisted it, but they were afraid that gradually, as the pressure rose. Mr Walked might weaken and there might be an increase in the British budgetary contribution to introduce a new sheepmeat regime.

Mr Walker—I am nervous that what Mr Mason has said will be quoted by the French Government. There has never been a proposal of unrestricted access without a proper system of premium payments.

Mr Mason said that it was likely the stand on stopping price in reconstruction of the CAP. The United Kingdom should stand fast and be prepared, if necessary, to withold levies or VAT and apply of the stand on sanctimes. If there will the beef premium scheme.

The Opposition would oppose the ending of the variable beef premium. While maintaining ade-premium. While maintaining ade-premium with a stand on stopping creating surfaces. This time they must make a stand on stopping creating surfaces. They must face the reconsumer.

United Wingdom should stand fast and be prepared, if necessary, to withold levies or VAT and apply detected the standard price in the consumer. proper system of premium pay-ments.
Mr Mason said that it was likely during this year that the European Court would be pressed once more to rule that French. URI milk should be admitted to Britaln, but there would be solid opposition to the unrestricted entry of URI

Labour Party. Because, under the Tory Government, milk prices bad increased by 22 per cent and Britain bad the dearest milk in the Common Market, the British market had become especially attractive.

was there any proposal to con-tinue with the beef premium scheme.

The Opposition would oppose

and be prepared, if necessary, to withold levies or VAT and apply vetoes or sanctions. If they did not, the withdrawai syndrome would be real and the wave of anti-European anger would not be ouclied.

surplus and a restructuring of the CAP which must begin with the objective of giving Britain's con-

It was more crucial than ever that Mr Walker succeeded and was seen to succeed. If he failed, and in his wake the Prime Minister, it could be the spark that exploded the chain reaction for the withdrawal of Britain from the EEC. Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C) said the future success of the EEC depended on countries obeying its laws and legislation. The time viconing rapidly when they would have to look carefully at the attitude of the French Government.

Retaliation was not a pleasent

throughout the country should consider whether French produce ought to be displayed and promoted, when British lamb could be applied to the country of the product of the country of the product of the p

Bitter attacks on new immigration rules

The Government was offering a sop to the extruse right which like all other efforts of appearement all other electric or appearance only meant that further demands for restrictions would be made. Lord Avelury (L) said when he royed that the Statement of Chaptes in Immidgration Ruler, which has passed the Commons, should be districted. should be discouraged.

Without allowing either House to know what advice had been given by the law officers the Government continued to seek mall-

given by the law officers the Government continued to seek parliamentary approval for proposals whose legality had been challenged frequently in debate. It denied that the rules relating to husbands and fiances were racist and claimed that the differences of treatment to be found in these measures did not amount to discrimination within the meaning of the European Convention on Hyman Richts. But this rention of Human Richts. But this mean little twist to the rules was scain directed against people of

lady Birk (Lab), for the Opposi-tion, said the next step was repatriron, said the next was the transfer of the slimy slope which many in this country were now being enruraged to look forward to.

This was a nasty, shabby, sordid, shameful little measure. It made her feel ashemed. The Government was to invanely masschistic, no must be invanely masochistic, too because the measure was econom-

he wondered how the Government could sustain such a weak proposi-tion—only to appease and placate its own extremists and more wretched supporters.

wretched supporters.

The Bishop of Bradford wild these changes in the rules, though small, seemed to be an attack on immigrants' religion and culture. Britain could never have a happy rociety if she imposed niggling rules which rut away the properhich immigrants needed here and which were at best a sledgehammer to crack a few bad nuts or, at worse, an unworthy all summent with dangerous elements of racial prejudice.

dice.
Farl Fortesque (C) spoke of the dancer to some Asian girls, who had lived here since hirth, from parents willing to sell them for immigration purposes. immigration purposes.
Lord Barnby (C) edd he was
beeneds up in the Victorian era.
He had a passociate desire for the
purity of the British race and

recretted that there had been this inflow. He recognized that Jews and Huguenots had brought great advantage to this country but doubted whether comparable advantage was brought in by Negroes and many Asians.

Lord Gardiner said a number of these rules were controve to the terms of the European Convention on Ruman Rights. If a concern was party to an intermational treaty it was under a moral obligation to carry out its provisions.

A lot of the difficulty came from the fact that Parliament had no control over immigration. It was all a matter for the Home Office. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) said Lord Rawlinson of Ewen (1) said to a holler than thou attitude and tone did more harm to race relations than almost anothing else. There were reasonable people in this country who felt they had been importent speciators of areas changes in the homogenous nature of British society. of British society.

They had not particularly well-comed these chappes, but with the good seuse and toleration of the British people were prepared to accept them. However, what those reasonable people expected was that the Government should end persistent fears and relieve ton-sions by eliminating many of the conservity activated forms of eva-sion of immigration control

Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said that in this rather promisenous age and with the advantages of easy divorce within two years it would not be difficult on payment of an appropriate sum to find a willing and obliging young woman in this country who would marry a foreigner and even make a deal with him that the marriage was not consumpted.

It would be a much cheaper, easier and safer way of entering this country than trying to smuggle over in a little boat. It would be an onen door because it would not he difficult to find partners who for a sun would make this short marriage.

Lord Ratch of Larby Lab) said Lady Hornshy-Smity seemed to have a nuch lover notinion of her own sex that most members on his side of the House had. He saw no reason to suppose that Princh women would be any more liable to be bribed into the activities she had suggested than British men would.

Businessmen complain about interest rates

The present high level of interest rates were partly a consequence of the level of inflation and partly a necessary instrument for bringing inflation down Mr Niget Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury said during questions. Mr Alfred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) asked what representations had been received about the present effect of interest

Mr Nigel Lawson (Blahy, C)-The Chancellor has received a number of representations in recent months on the effect of the current level of interest rates, in particular from husinessmen and home OWNETS.

Mr Dubs-Are the present high rates of interest a consequence of or a contributor to the rate of inflation?

Mr Lawson—The present high level of interest rates are in part a consequence of the level of infla-tion and in part a necessary instrument for brining inflation down. This is a world-wide phenomenon.

Interest rates throughout the world have gone up just as much as in this country, since February, and the United States prime rate is 19 per cent, higher than ours. Mr Peter Bottomley (Greenwich, Woolwich, West, C)-II the gencral rate of pay settlements next year is half the rate of this year, that would be likely to be asso-ciated with a greatly reduced level of interest. of interest. Mr Lawson-He is right. As inflanon comes down, interest rates

will come down too. Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab)—He seems to be in confusion whether high interest rates are the cause or the consequence of inflation. Would be think it is just possible that like indexation, high interest rates are an institutionalization of inflation? Air Lewson—It is he who is confu-sed and deaf. At no time did I say interest rates were a cause of infla-

Mr Denzil Darles, an Opposition her mental parters an companyon crockesman (Lianelli, Lab)—Does he agree with the Governor of the Bark of England that we are unlikely to see a fall in interest rates for many months and that until infletion falls there is not likely to be a fall in interest rates. Mr Lawson—The Governor was speaking before he had seen the contents of the Budget.

Causes of the rise in inflation

Inflation had doubled in less than a year, Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool. Scotland Exchange, Lab) pointed out during questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He had been told by Sir Geoffrey Howe—He should consider the extent to which the rise in inflation next year? If not, will he do us all a favour and resign hefore the next Budget? (Labour cheers.)

Sir Geoffrey Howe—He should consider the extent to which the rise in inflation is narrly caused by Howe that the year-on-year in-crease in the retail price index up to February 1980 was 19.1 per cent. The figure (he went on) over to repruary 1980 was 19.1 per cent.
The figure (he went on) over
states the underlying rate of inflation since it includes the once-forall impact of the shift from direct
to indirect taxation which I
announced in my Budget speech
last year.

ast year. A heiter guide to changes in taxpayers' costs is the tax and price index which rose by 16.9 ner cent in the same 12 months. (Labour interruptions.) Mr Parry—Is the Chancellor proud of doubling inflation in less than a year? Has he any positive plans to

(Labour cheers.)
Sir Geoffrey Howe—He should consider the extent to which the rise in inflation is partly caused by the accelerating money supply growth rate we inherited from the last Government, and partly by last Government, and partly by rising energy costs throughout the world. world.

This is demonstrated by the fact that the average level of inflation in all OECD countries rose by 4 per cent in the last 12 months. Mr.

deflation. If that does not concern him, surely it should?

On the question of inflation, since he believes that Government increases in indirect tax or increases in public sector charges have no effect on the underlying rate of inflation, can we take it that we are going to have another dose of the same in the Budget next week—a further increase in indirect taxation and a further increase in public sector charges? Sir Geoffrey Howe-Even at Mr Healey's request, I am not going to anticipate my Budget statement. per cent in the last 12 months. Mr
Parry may have more confidence in
the polices of this Government
than the one that preceded it.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition
spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Leeds, East, Lab)—
The 6 per cent increase in savings
ratio since his June Budget is in the last Budget.

Monetary control being reestablished

The prospects of enterprize and success and growth in investment borrowing has been and will be were immensely enhanced by the substantially reduced as a result of Government's courageous decision to reduce top income tax rates, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during questions. Mr John Dormand (Easington, Lab) had asked when the Chancellor was going to emerge from his unreal world and see what effect his policies were having. Reduced Income tax (he said) was supposed to galvanise entre-preneur. There is no sign of that. Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redd tch. C)-What progress is

heing made in reducing the money supply as a result of high interest rates and is it private horrowing or Government horrowing that is being so reduced?

the measures introduced by the in the last four months, sterling M3 has grown at an annual rate of 10 per cent which represents a considerable slowing down on the rate of growth we inherited. Other aggregates are growing no faster than that, MI has been falling.

So there are encouraging signs that monetary control is being reestablishea. Mr John Horant, an Opposition Mr John Horam, an Opposition be ond spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Gateshead, West, Lab)—Why is the Government continually blaming the present consequently blaming the present consequently a settlements? It is clear the principal push to inflation in the last 12 ment,

months has been of the Govern-ment's own making following tax increases and other costs flowing from Government decisions. Sir Geoffrey Howe—The impact made on inflation by the once and for all change in the tax structure last June is of moderate impor-ance and will fall out of the system come next June or July,
Perhaps the most powerful cause
of rising inflation is the high rate of monetary growth we inherited. A contributory factor in the short-run is the level of wage settlements be ond what the country can

afford.
Pay hergainers in the private and public sectors must understand the consequences of pay settlements that are unreasonable, will be a high and rising level of unemploy-

Threat to narrow-leaved pondweed According to the Nature Conserteristic flora and fauna of these

Council, drainage posed a threat to the drainage posed a threat to the faura and flora of the Norfolk Broads, Mr Tom King, Minister of State for the Environment, said in would be examined by the Nature a written reply.

agricultural areas.
These problems were currently

Conservancy Council. Substantial examples of grazing Mr King said the Council had marshland in each of the main advised him that one bird, the river vallers (he said) would need to be safeguarded in order to ensure the continued hydrological cisoility of the grazing marsh dykes which commin the characters of plant, the narrow-leaved dykes which commin the characters of control of the characters of the control of the

The council, he added, had two nature reserves in the area and returner reserves in the area and returner conservation bodies had others but these did not adequately protect the threatened species.

To do this resources would be.

needed for site safeguard and

management, research studies specific to these species, and to ensure acceptable standards of water quality. He could not say what this would involve in financial terms.

attractive. If the import of UHT milk came it would be a cheep import, but only until it had destroyed the British household delivery system. It would use the supermarkets to threaten the existing delivery system and make people dependent on it. The delivery service would be rulned, with a loss of 50,000 jobs.

Action was needed on the dairy industry and a price freeze was only the start. Last year Mr Walker managed to retain the butter subsidy. There was no proposal for its continuation. Neither was there are proposal to con-

quelled.

This time they wanted a price freeze on all products in structural

Retaliation was not a picasant-word, but the French had to see common sense. Mr Walker should consider the position of the im-ports of French golden delicious

apples which were heavily subsi-dized, and were destroying British growers.
Agricultural show organizers

not be promoted or sold in France. South, Lab) said the country's almost unique doorstep milk delivery system was threatened by

He was concerned at noises being made by the Dairy Trade Federation and the NFU to stop or severely curtail supplies of New Zealand butter to the United King-Zealand nurser to the Content Rang-dom.

For Britain's sake, it should get out of the Common Market now, it should not waste another three or four years hanging its head against the brick wall of the CAP.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 9.30: Private member's
motion on the rural community.

Usual for bank profits to rise when times are bad

It was important that bank profits should be high to meet demands made upon them, Sir Gcoffry Howe, the Chancellor the Exchequer, said during a question on the representations he had received about his forthcoming budger.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirlingstire, Lab) said Barclays Bank had made an annual profit of £529m, some 42 per cent up on the previous year. vious year.
Will the Chancellor introduce a windfall tax (he asked) to give some benefit to the whole com-munity out of the excess profits made by the big banks and oil

made by the big banks and oil companies?

This would be more humane than turning the clock back to the 1930s by stopping earnings related unemployment benefit and cutting the real value of other benefits, such as for the unemployed, sick and families with disabled children.

Sir Geoffrey Howe—I cannot anticipate my budger statement.

Sir Geoffrey anticipate my budget statement, but be should know that the increase in profits of the banks substantially offsets real growth. By the time one has taken account of inflation and the fact that in times when other circumstances are going badly it is usual for hank profits to be rising, it is important they should be high to meet the demands made upon them.

Me thould Trimmer (Ressentiale Mr David Trippier (Rossendale, C)—Will be remember when pre-paring his hudget that those who suffer most from a high level of inflation are those on low earn-ings, as proved under the last Gov-

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Leeds, East, Lab)—Can he assure the House that he will not cheat on the Government's election promise to help families and to increase the will to work, and that he will increase child benefit in November by significantly over £1 a week. Anything less would be dishonest in relation to the undertaking which he gave when he tricked the British people into giving him a majority last May.

sir Geoffrey Howe—Even in that respect I cannot anticipate my budget statement, but neither before nor after it do I need any advice or guidance from him on chesting Mr Nizei Forman (Suiton, Carshalton, C)—Has he had any representations from the Child Payerry Action Group? I hope he will take note that both Conservative and Labour MPs understand and expect

there to be a substantial increase in child benefit in his budget. Sir Geoffrey Howe-T can confirm that I have received represen-tations from the CPAG. I bave

The Social Secretary Bill was read the third time on Wednesday right erament. We must honour our election pledge to serve all the by 300 votes to 253—Government majority, 47.

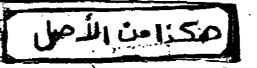
Budget next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will he: Manday and Tuesday: Transport Bill, remaining stages.
Wednesday: Budger.
Thursday: Continuation of budger debare. debate.
Friday: Private member's motion
on the Brandt report.
The main business in the Lords
will be: will ne: Monday and Tuesday: Education (No 2) Eill, report. Weinesday: Debate on forestry. Thursday: Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Companies Bill, consideration of ComRestrictions on hospital adverts

Third reading

The Department of Health and Social Security will shortly be sending health authorities a code of advertising standards for hospital broadcasting which will promibit the advertising of medicities, alcohol and tobacco, and which will surplement the IBA code of advertising standards and practices. Or Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Health, announced in a written reply.

He said the Covernment did not oppose the inclusion of advirtising He said the Covernment did not oppose the inclusion of advirtising material in hospital broadcasts provided it was done unto the agreement of the health authori-





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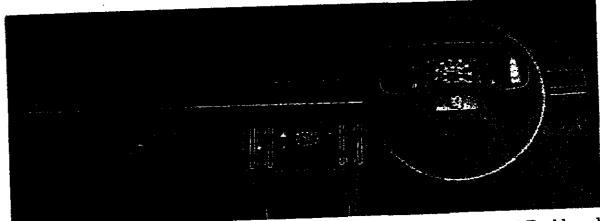
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Three survivors who can trouble Forest in semi-final round

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent For all of the stream of elated For all of the stream of elared dialogue that flowed between members of the Nortingham Forest party after their European Cup quarter-final round victory over Dynamo in East Berlin on Wednesday, the prematch comment of the manager Brian Clough, that it would be interesting to see how the interesting to see how the Germans reacted to an early goal. was still the most poignant. Forest scored after 16 minutes.

and Dynamo were not able to re-cover, despite a period of authority early in the second half. The assistant manager, Peter Taylor, had no doubts who would win, as the teams embarked on a long and perishing walk across a car park, to reach the cheerless greyness of the stadium. He looked at the comparatively looked at the comparatively young Dynamo team and thought they had no spirit (he later described them as "zombies"). "If there had been a betting shop on the way, I would have put something on us then", he said. His premonition was accurate, for indeed Dynamo were disamplint. leed, Dynamo were disappoint-in outlook, while Forest were effective as they had been at y time since winning the trophy

Everyone connected with the match received the compliments of Mr Clough, even the Dynamo team whom he said were "very honest". He felt it was a "non-European match". He explained: European match". He explained:
"Whenever I come across to the
Continent, there is slight cheating, but not for one second did
that happen". He added that he
could always be frightened by
"blinding skill", but he saw
none of that from Dynamo. Possibly he may see something nearer
that description from one of the
other three survivors, Real
Madrid, Hamburg or Ajax, in the
semi-final round for which the
draw is to be made tomorrow
evening.

evening.

The victory brought substantial relief to Forest, for although Mr Clough said he had never thought of them as a "bad side", there were too many flaws in recent performances to give serious hope of recovering from a 1-0 home deteat, to win 3-1 in East Berlin.

had expressed doubts. A porten-tous action early in the game, probably opened the: way for Prancis to show his true value, as a direct attacker and excellent finisher. He decided to let his marker Troppa, know that he would not easily be dissuaded from possession, with a bruising collision that softened the Ger-man's resolve.

man's resolve.

Francis remains more introverted than his colleagues, both at Forest and in the England party, but his two goals this week and the compliments that followed will help him and both of his teams. Mr Clough remarked:
"My opinion of him has not changed one lota—we couldn't replace him for less than a million pounds, and we would need two man's resolve. pounds, and we would need two-players". Even so, he is likely to huy another forward before sext season, particularly now that Forest will have another lucrative round and perhaps another final in Europe. in Europe.
At this elevated stage in the

competition, there are no weak opponents in the draw. Hamburg, who were involved in a keen tussle with Hajduk Spilt, of Yuvoslavia, are the only remaining club not to have won the European Cup, but with Keegan determined to leave Germany with another Win-ner's Medal, they would make formidable opposition, despite Mr ner's Medal, they would blake formidable opposition, despite Mr Taylor's none-too-serious baiting remark: "Now let's have a go at Hamburg and Keegan".

Marginally the most difficult the could be with Real Madrid, victors over Celtic on Wednesday, with a 3—2 aggregate win, thanks to a goal in the last five minutes by Juanito, and inspired by Cunningham. The final on May 28 will be held at their Bernabeu Stadium, where they are unbeated in the European Cup this season. Ajax, vasily experienced and still wisely guided by Krol, emphasized their strength at home by beating Racing Strasbourg 4—0.

Forest will have to continue their improvement if they are to beat any of these three, but as hundreds of cheering supporters waited in evil weather at East Midlauds Airport to see the team return at 130 vesterday morning

Midlands Airport to see the team return at 1.30 yesterday morning, the suspicion that Dynamo were not as good as first thought, was overwhelmed by this warming re-action to what was an inestimable performance.

How Brighton aim to fly high in first division

By John Nicholls
Brighton and Hove Albion announced yesterday that they intend to consolidate their presence in the First Division with three innovations for next season.

Mike Bamber, the chairman gave deaths of a supersorbite converse. details of a sponsorship contract with British Caledonian that for the first year will be worth

The team will carry their sponsors name on their shirts, except during marches that are televized during matches that are televized and Brigaton will now be adding their weight to the campaign by other clubs to persuade the BBC to relax the rule against advertising. The shirts on which the name appears will be completely different. Gone are the old vertical blue and white stripes to be rehlue and white stripes, to be re- obtaine placed by a new playing strip of source.

Alan Mullery, the Brighton man-ager, said that he hoped the new sirly would help to remove the club's old identity with the Third Division. He said they were a Firs Division club and intended

The Goldstone Ground is also to receive a face-lift. As soon as the last game has been played in May, contractors will move in and construct new stands at each end of the pitch. Both stands will contain 3,000 seats and space for 7,000 standing. This will be followed by a cover over the east terrace and the eventual ground capacity will be 32,000. The development will cost £2.5m, to be obtained from a so far undisclosed

Exhausting 10 days ahead for Arsenal

By Stuart Jones A small green - light was Arsenal's only fear during their journey to the last four of the Kuropeza Cup Winners' Cup There was never any doubt about the outcome against Göteborg but there were frightening doubts about whether the side would even be able to complete the mak as their aircraft circled in preparation for an emergency landing on

tion for an emergency landing on Tuesday morning.

The light, indicating that the nosewheel was not in position, proved to be faulty. Arsenal's attitude was not. They arrived blowing numpers of adventure, apparently ready to show Sweden that their awesome reputation was deserved. The sole aim, though, was to reach the next round. Their disolay, almost devoid of colour,

was to reach the next round. Their display, almost devoid of colour, was a cold as the wind whipping in from the west coast.

The Sweder were caught in a bewildering, dilemma. If they attempted to chip away at the four goal deficit, they would leave their already frail wall unguarded. If not, Arsenal would be content to keep possession and let time pass leisurely by. They settled for overall defeat, with honour.

As long as the three main competitions are held in the cruel grip of winter, the Northern European, and particularly the Scandinavian, sides will struggle to survive. and particularly the Scandinavian, sides will struggle to survive. Snow and ice, their natural enemies, end their respective seasons and force them to fly south in search of match practice. Although Malmö reached the European Cup final last year, they did so significantly by meeting fellow Northerners from the Soviet Union, Dynamo Kiev, and Poland. Wiels Krakow in the second and

third rounds. How would Arsenal fare, one wonders, against Göte-borg in July?
In the opening 15 minutes of Wednesday's freezing night, Arsenal were given one and made improving

another chance to build on their 5-1 lead. Stapleton and Brady missed them and thereafter, little was seen of their gunfire. Only two shots from Vaessen, late in the second half, caused Olarsson to show his alarming habit of to show his alarming habit of saving everything at the second attempt. The goals, so eagerly awaited by the crowd, never came. Arsenal now join a cosmopolitan group in the semi-final round. Juventus, who dismissed Rijecka, of Yugoslavia, 2—0 on aggregate, would seem the most difficult opposition. If they are paired to getther in tomocrows draw, not only would it renew the rivalry between England and Italy, especially in view of the forth-coming European championships, it would also give Roma a chance to renew their interest in Brady. Whomever fate brings out of

Whomever fate brings out of the hat, Arsenal face a mentally and physically exhausting 10 days. On Wednesday, April 2, they are at Norwich. The following Samural at Norwich. The following Saturday they entertain Southampton and then make the short trip to Tottenham on the Monday. All three league games against lightying colleagues are crucial to their ambition of finishing near

their ambition of finishing near the top of the table.

Without pausing for much breath, they then play the first leg of their European encounter on the Wednesday. To complete it all, they travel to Hillsborough on the Saturday for the FA Cup semi-fival against Liverpool. On those five results may depend Arsenal's season.

Results on Wednesday

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First division

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Two clubs who have grounds for

Two third division clabs, Mil-wall and Oxford United, were encouraged yesterday in their ambitious attempts to improve their grounds, Millwall have been given permission by Lewisham Council for their 110m redevelop-ment of The Den with Associated ment of the pen with Associated Dadries. Oxford could be playing football in an American style indoor stadium in three years if plans before South Oxford District Council are approved.

Millwall's chairman, Leonard Eppel, said yesterday that the scheme had still to be presented to the GLC in May but the granting of outline planning permission by Lewisham should substantially strengthen the planning application. "The greenlight" by Lewisham was critical if the project was to have a real chance of going ahead. It is tremendously accounting a programme and I hope we encouraging news and I hope we will obtain the full permission from the GLC who are the ulti-mate planners.", Mr Eppel said. It is almost 12 months since Miliwall unveiled their plans with ASDA to transform The Den into one of the finest stadiums in

Europe as well as providing ex-tensive sports and leisure facilities and a superstore. Oxford's chairman, Bill Reeves. yesterday unveiled a scheme for a £15m 67 acre complex incorporating the stadium on a site on the fringe of the city. It would include a superstore, hotel, a small hoat marina, public sports and leisure facilities and parking for

The 30,000 seat stadium would be partly snak into the ground to lessen its visual impact and subject to FA approval it would have an Astroturf artificial playing surface. "This plan could put us into the first division." Mr Reevessaid. " Most clubs build their success on financial input and this project opens the stadium to all means of raising money. We are stymied on our Masor Road ground and we see this as our salvation." The 30,000 seat stadium would

Suspensions are blow to Luton's hopes

Luton Town's faltering promotion hopes were dealt another blow yesterday. Their defenders, Saxby and Stephens, will both miss tomorrow's match at Queen's Park Rangers. They were suspended for one game by an FA disciplinary commission in London for reaching 20 penalty points. Luton have taken only two points from their last five fixtures. from their last five fixtures. Chesterfield, boping for promo-tion from the third division, will be without Green for their import-ant meeting with rivals Blackburn tomorrow. Green received a twomatch suspension for totalling 20 points. Paul, from the fourth division leaders. Walsall, was suspended for one match for reaching

Today's fixtures

Badminton

Battling Miss Bridge carries England flag into last eight

By Richard Streeton

Karen Bridge, the 19-year-old
Surrey girl, justified her seeding
at the Ail-England; championships,
sponsored by John Player, when
at Wembley yesterday she reached
the fourth, round of the women's
singles. Miss Bridge was the enly
English competitor to reach the
last eight in the singles. In a
match that confirmed her promise,
both tactically and in stroke play,
she beat Hiromi ishida of Japan
11—7, 11—7. 11—7, 11—7, Miss Bridge meets another Japanese, Yoshiko Yonekuta, for a place in the semi-final round,

Miss Yonekura, best known in the past as a doubles player, has made past as a dunner may be in a base enormous progress this season in singles. She won her country's national title and recently captured both the Danish and Swedish open titles.

Miss Bridge had to come from behind in both games against Miss Ishida. She recained her com-Ishida. She retained her com-posure, however, and by dist of keeping her opponent on the move, forced her into errors at

move, forced her into errors at crucial moments.

In the second game Miss Bridge, who is fighting a heavy cold, was 3—7 down before she nightened her approach. She is not the game's most fluent mover but hit accurately to a good length and was efficient at the net. Miss ishids fought hard to the end, and saved six match points before she finally succumbed.

Jane Webster (Suffolk), who is ranked above Miss Bridge on English lists, was unable to find any semblance of her best form against Hiroe Yuki of Japan and was defeated 11—5, 11—1. Miss Webster beat Miss Yuki to reach the semi-final round last year but this time could find no answer as the short, stocky Japanese woman crucial moments.

the short, stocky Japanese woman hit with deadly power and varied her placements splendidly. Miss Yuki, aged 31, has won the women's title four times in the

women's title four times in the past and might yet surprise her younger rivals.

All the seeds took their scheduled places in the last eight of a fine struggle against both the men's and women's vents. Lene Köppen, the Danish holder of the women's vide, beat Saily Leadbeater, an 18-year-ald Guernsey girl, who, had reached this stage with a bye and a walk. Over, by 11—1, 11—4, Kirsten Larsen, who on Weinesday elimbars, who on Weinesday elimbarsen, who on Weinesday elimbarsen at long range or killing india's Aim Ghia 11—7, 11—0 and Wharjo Verawaty, the Judo on 15—7, 14—15, 15—10. He nesian seeded joint number one, also looked sharp, and dominant.

Paul Whethall, England's last chose not to set at 14—14 and representative in the men's singles, saved two match-put up a fine struggle against winning the game Svend Pri of Deimark who won game point. Pri it this title five years ago. With third early on h Whetnall, aged 33, and Pri, aged pulled up to 10-12

Miss Bridge: had to tighten her approach.

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Men's and women's results yesterda

Golf

Perry is ruled out Mike Perry, Moseley's promising young fly half, will be out of action for the rest of the season because of hepatitis.

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Cricket

By John Hennessy Linda Bayman won the Avia

women's foursomes golf tourna-

ment for the fifth time yesterday,

Maureen aMdill, of Ireland, who

is the British champion. Given

that she is a member of the Berk-

shire and knows every nook and

cranny of both Red and Blue

courses, it is a record of cosmo-

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Fifth win for Mrs Bay

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Cricket

Australia's Test hopes rest on Bright

Lahore, March 20.-Australia's hopes of squaring the three-match test series against Pakistan could rest largely on the shoulders of slow left arm spinner, Ray Bright. When the third Test resumes here tomorrow after today's rest day Pakistan will be chasing Australia's formidable first innings score of 407 for seven declared.

Bright bowled only two overs when Pakistan began their reply esterday but still managed to prise out the opening batsman Taslim Arif as Pakistan reached 42 for one. Iobal Qasim, slow left arm, was Pakistan's most successful howler—he took four for 90 off 30 overs—ne took four for 90 cff 30 overs—and Bright is likely to be given a long bowl tomorrow. Lilice is still looking for his first worket of the series. Pakistan lead 1—0. They beat Australia by seven wickets in Karachi and drew the second Text in Faisclabed. the second Test in Faisalabad .-

Three-match tour

Downton given permission to

Sue Cogswell, Britain's top wemen's squath player from War-wickshire, will lead a unitonal isam of five in a three match tour of Australia in the summer. The other players are Jayme Ashton (Warwickshire), Alison Cummings (Surrey), Barbara Diggens (Sus-sex) and Lesley Moore (Notting-The England junior squash team
David Thomas

of David Thomas (Middlesex). Earry Watkins (Lancashire), Chris Willstrap (Yorkshire) and Danie Lee (Survey) complete their build up for the world junior champion. Silps with a march against New Zealand at Wembley on Monday.

Rugby Union

COARA: Japanese selection 6. New Zealand Universities 72.

leave Kent

Kent's reserve wicketkeeper. Paul Downton, has been given permission to move to another county if he so desires. This follows the news that the former England wicketkeeper, Alan Knott, had signed a new four year contract with the county.

Downton who toured Pakistan and New Zealand in 1977-78 was also offered a four was also offered a four year contract and he said yesterday "that offer still stands and I shall consider it together with any other offers I

together with any other offers I may receive.

"I shall be speaking to both Sussex and Middlesex, who have officially approached Kent and to any other counties who now may become interested. I finish my law degree studies at Exeter University in the middle of Juae." He added: "Kent have said that although I am under contract to them until the end of this season they would consider a request for an earlier release. So that I could move to a new county that I could move to a new county in mid-June."

Miss Wickham loses

Melbourne, March 20 .- The New

South Wales swimmer, Michelle Ford, caused the first upset of the Australian championships and Olympic selection trials here tonight by beating, the Australian world record holder, Tracey Wick-ham, in the women's 800 merres freestyle final. Her time of eight minutes 43.37 seconds was almost 30 seconds outside Miss Wickham's world record and 13 seconds out side the Australian record.—Reute

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Rugby Union

Home unions may revise their attitude to the 'sin-bin'

Echoes of this season's bitterly contested game between England and Wales will be detected in Edinburgh today, when the International Board makes known the findings of its various meetings this week. In the aftermath of the Twickenham match, which did nothing to enhance the image of the game, board representatives are under pressure to announce are under pressure to announce what steps they have taken to re-move the steam from such poten-tially explosive situations.

The pile-up will be a main focus of attention again and the question of whether the northern hemisphere unions have changed their lukewarm attitude to the use of the "sin bin" for offenders will need to be answered. Last year's board meeting agreed that member unions should be given permission to experiment with the

New Zealand is included.

in the past two decades.

It must be said that few of the

Since the war Scotland have twice had spells of several seas-

defeats have been heavy; Scots have often failed by

temporary suspension idea, to give players a chance to cool off. But only Australia and South Africa showed much interest and the four home utions gave the whole notion the cold shoulder. notion the cold shoulder.

Wales, who bore the brunt of the post-match inquest, were also under attack for alleged illegalities in their previous match, against France. The French president, Albert Ferrasse, was due to chair this year's meeting, in only the second year of French membership of the board. Another issue the board need to clarify is whether paid officials should be able to select and coach national sides.

able to select and coach national sides.

There appears to be an anomoly, whereby South Africa will have two paid coaching organizers on their Lions Test series selection panel, while Wales's John Dawes

was obliged to give up his posi-tion as a selector—as well as that of coach—when he became national organizer. national organizer.

Wales's centenary game against the All Blacks at the National Stadium on November 1 will be sponsored by a British company. The name of the sponsor and plans for the centenary season will be revealed in Cardiff on April 2.

Conf. Wheel the Statuter lock

Geoff Wheel, the Swansea lock, disappointed at not being selected disappointed at not being selected for this summer's Lions tour of South Africa, received some consolation yesterday when the Welsh Rugby Union announced their centenary party to tour North America and Canada in May. Wheel has been selected as vice-captain for the five-match tour. Wales open their tour on May 10 against the United States in Los

manager and John Lloyd assistant mauager and John Lloyd assistant manager and Coach.

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More than a trickle of new blood is needed to revive national fortunes

Scottish strongholds have been undermined



Laidlaw : one of Scottish rugby's brighter lights.

Looking back over five seasons Scotland's record in the home international championship is ons without a win. Since 1947, when official internationals were Against W D L Pts
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Total 4 2 14 10 when utitical interrationals were resumed, their record against every international Board country except Australia is exceptionally poor. Even Ireland, whose failures usually outsumber successes, can point to a considerable number of victories over the Scots, including 12 in one 13 year period. scots have often failed by the odd try or penalty goal. At the end of the day, however, it is the result which goes into the record book and this particular book does not make good reading for Scottish players, administrators or supporters.

The last time Scotland won the The last time Scotland won the Triple Crown was in 1938, a year when they had no opportunity to win the Grand Slam as well; France did not compete during most of the 1930s. Immediately after the war, there was an excellent side in action. In 1946, Scotland beat Wales twice and

England, Ireland and the New Zaalanders once each. One game only was lost, to England. It is surprising that, with all the disappointments. Murray-field it still full and that the national side takes such support with it on its travels. Let there be no doubt, if the International Board divided its members into two leagues of four countries Scotland would have not only a permanent place in the second division but as often as not would be last in the replica the national side's competent players have been around for years without becoming any more than competent. There are a few bright lights coming up the hill—Laidlaw (Jedforest). Munro (Ayr.), Beatile (Glasgow Academicals) and the Gossman brothers (West of Scotland) among them. How pleasant it would be not to have to criticine—but, sadly, a few will not be enough. be last in the ranking.

There is a flourishing league system at home, an adequate flow of sponsorship funds and a number of talanted players. It is all yery well to say that England

Washington, to meet a Regional XV four days later and then travel to Canada to play British Columbia. 2 representative side, and then the Canadian national team in Vancouver. Rod Morgan, the chairman of selectors, will be

the number one game: the power of Welsh rugby is confined to the South; and what of Ireland, where rugby has to take its place with soccer, hurling and Gaelic football?

soccer, hurling and Gaelic football?

To an extent the answer to the Scottish problem is that the best available team is not always chosen. It has been said with more than a grain of truth that if one plays for the "right" club it is harder to get out of the national side than to get in it. Yet that is the trite explanation. I believe there is a deeper problem. Traditionally rugby's strongholds in Scotland have been in the public schools (malnly in Edinburgh) and in the Borders. Now with the opening of most of the former pupil sides to allicomers some of the old spirit has gone. This is reflected in club matches where Scottish sides are often on the receiving end.

There is still the same dedication to the game in the Borders, but with only a trickle of fresh blood coming in and most of the top players gravitating to Gala

top players gravitating to Gala and Hawick. The standard in the average Border side is not always all that high. Add the fact that all seven Borders clubs invariably

are locked in battle for the first

or second division titles, or strug-gling to avoid relegation from the first division and it will be seen that there are limits to what Scotland's selectors can expect. Nor is there too much hope for the impredicts from Marry of

the immediate future. Many of the national side's competent

cranny of both Red and Blue courses, it is a record of cosmopolitan achievement stretching back to 1969. Her first partner was Corinne Reybroeck of Belgium (1969 - and 1971). her second Michelle Walker of England (1973) and her third Anne Sander of the United States (last year). Mrs Bayman and Miss Madill, starting the day three strokes bebind the joint leaders. Angela Uzielli with Sally Barber and Vivier Saunders with Janet Melville, had two final rounds of 79 and 72 for a 63-holes total of 266. Mary McKenna, another Irishwoman, and Tegwen Thomas, of Wales, finished on 288 (75 and 79 yesterday). Mrs Uzielli and Mrs Barber on 270 (81 and 78) and Miss Saunders and Miss Melville on 272 (80 and 81).

Conditions were much better, yesterday, the two course having made a splendid recovery from the ravages of the recent weather. The sun shone and, if there was a birter wind. Lake Placid protective clothing proved sufficient for the purpose. There was, surprisingly, little rain left on the course. from, that in Wales rugby is a way of life. That is so, but in England rugby is no more popular than it is in Scottand, with soccer

By Peter Ryde

All omens, except wea in favour of Cambridg

The 91st golf match between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge begins today at Royal Liverpool with the playing of five 35-hole foursomes. Nothing has happened in the last month of disloge Cambridge as forcus. to dislodge Cambridge as favourites. Indeed, in the past week, the omens have become even more propitious for them.

Their second team, the Stymies, overwhelmed the Divots 14j——; the Blues team beat the host club-list weekend whereas Orlead less weekend whereas Orlead less. last weekend whereas Oxford lost narrowly to them the following day, and yesterday Cambridge made a clean sweep of the dinner match, winning all three points. Altogether Cambridge have scored Altogether Cambridge have scored more than a dozen victories through the year and their opponents will have to produce something very special if they are to upset expectations. Last year they did just that, and Cambridge will be specially concerned not to allow them to draw right away in the four-somes as they did then. The old course has suffered severe waterlogging during one of the wettest winters of the century, so much so that the possithe wettest winters of the cen-tury, so much so that the possi-bility of transferring the match to Wallasey was seriously enter-tained. But after an unpleasant start to the foresomes vectorizey coming, conditions improved. Even so, water lies in several of the bunkers and captains have

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straight course. Guy Harwood had made little secret of the high fregard in which he held Chant, his runner in the French Gate Maiden Stakes. But most people had disearded hits well-bred coir's chances as he was drawn one against the far rails. In the event Greville Starkey was able to ride an extremely confident race, sprinting clear below the distance to win by five lengths from Optimate, who was racing under the stand rails.

Harwood trains the winner for Commander James Barttelat, who commander James Barttelat, who bred Chant at his home in Sussex. By a strange twist of fate, both Optimate and Chant were put up for auction at the Newmarket Houghton Sales in 1978. Optimate fetched 29,000 guineas, but Chant failed to reach his reserve. Susan Piggott offered to buy the yearling, but Commander Barttelat decided to put the colt in training with yesterday's happy in training with yesterday's happy result. "Chant is not entered in the classics", said Harwood. "But I'm tempted to run him in either the 2,000 Guineas Trial at Sahisbury, or the Greenham Stakes at Newhyry. He's a decent port



Pat Eddery on Renovate (left) winning the Yorkshire Bottle Handicap at Doncaster.

The best ber on this afternoon's card should be Falkelly in the Brooke Bond Coffee Time Cup. Falkelly has had a good season over hurdles, for Peter Easterby.

Renovate is trained by Jack Hardy. "This is such a tough little colt", said the Nottinghamshire trainer, "and I'm delighted to have won such a good prize with him."

at Newbury. He's a decedt sort of horse and is sure to stay a mile."

The next race on the straight track was the most valuable event, the five-furlong Yorkshire Bottle Handicap. Victory went to Pat Eddery on Renovate, drawn sixth, who just managed to withstand the late attack of the 4-1 favourite, Ferriby Rall, who challenged on

the opposite side of the track. ticularly by Bruce Hobbs for and with the trainer's son Tim, whom Lewis rode so many win-ners. "I've got 21 two-year-olds among my 28 horses". Lewis said, "and I'm hoping for the best", Concert Hall looks sure to win another race or two before the handicapper catches up with in the saddle, Falkelly should be too good for his opponents. Tuxedo Park, who won three races Tuxedo Park, who won three races of his kind last season, is thought to be in need of the race. Hexham off: there will be no racing at Hexham tomorrow owing to witery weather, and prospects for Monday's meeting are remote. There will be a stewards' inspection at noon tomorrow to decide about Monday's racing The first two-year-old race of the season, the Brocklesby Stakes fell to Gamma, who is trained by Walter Wharton in Leicestershire:

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1.30 (4-30) GREEN\$ NORTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 2583: 2m) PROFIT LINE, gr 9 by 8 Paddy— Kingaline 6-11-7 C. Smith (14-1) 1 Fanadis ... A Webber (1-1) 2 Tends Debate D. Cartwright (6-1) 2 Tends D

Devon and Exeter NH programme 2.15 FROBISHER HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £574: 2m 1f)

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Corraggio, J. Baker. 10-11-12
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3. 321112 Mr Marisbridge (C), D. Gandolfo, 7-11-7

6. 234131 El Cardo, Mrs E. Kennard, 10-10-11 ... M

7. 390342 Sparking Targua, W. James, W-10-8

8. 02141p Richmode, M. Siephons, 7-10-3

9. 002123 Fiying Gamble, I. Wardle, 7-10-5

10. 033142 Balting (CD), N. Mitchell, 6-20-0

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20. 043100 Bert's Courage, J. Cann. 7-10-0

9-4 Princely Mark, 7-2 Fiying Gamble, 9-2 El Cardo, 5-1

6-1 Mr Marisbridge, 8-1 Richmede, 14-1 others. 3.45 PELLEW HURDLE (Handicap : £1,096 : 24m)

What a Mist (C), J. Thorne, 6-11-11

Just Ravenge (C), D. Barons, 8-11-8

Nesclo (C), D. Barons, 9-11-4

Princley Rife, J. Baker, 2-11-2

Othman, H. Poole, 7-11-1

Orannore, R. Atkins, 10-10-12

Ernie's Keep, S. Pattemore, 5-10-10

Tidal Wave (D), D. H. Jones, 8-10-9

Chetses Har, P. Balley, 6-10-9

Herole, D. Barons, 5-18

Senies Star, N. Caselee, 6-10-7

So Likely, T. Hallett, 4-10-7

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4.15 RAYNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE 4.15 RAYNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE

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1 411-804 Outer way, O. Carter, 12-12-7 ... Mr Y. Thomson Jones
2 111233 Gay Park (0), A. Hobbs, 7-10-15 ... P. Hoobs
3 51-bi0p Artic Heir (D), J. Thorne, 11-10-12 ... R. Hoare
4 004304 Gyllspus, Mrs J. Pitman, 11-10-12 ... R. Hoare
5 020202 Kildimo Star (C), N. Gazelee, 7-10-1 ... R. Lintev
10 2-04232 Master Upham, D. Gandolfo, 12-10-0 ... R. Lintev
10 2-04232 Master Upham, D. Gandolfo, 12-10-0 ... R. Dunger
11 04-3250 Sea Emperor, C. Kindersley, 9-10-0 ... N. Dunger
12 143013 Miss Ratinus (CD), W. Sheedy
14 23e4p-0 Rough House, J. Ord, 14-10-0 ... J. Burke
17 00-07 Freezing Hill, J. George, 8-10-0 ... D. Jackson
18 000050 Robbers Bridge, J. Cann, 6-10-0 ... S. G. Knight
7-4 Otter Way, 7-2 Gay Park, 5-1 Gyllopus, 6-1 Killdimo Star, 7-1 Master

7-4 Otter Way 7-2 Gay Park, 5-1 Gylppus, 6-1 Kildimo Upham, 8-1 Another Prospect, 12-1 others. 4.45 FROBISHER HURDLE (Div 2: Novices: £554: 2m 1f)

Doncaster selections

By Michael Seelv

2.0 Mac's Treasure. 2.30 FALKELLY is specially recommended. 3.0 Kithairon. 3.30 Somers Heir. 4.0 Regency Prince. 4.30 Delia's Pride. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Mac's Treasure. 2.30 Silver Bay 3.0 Saher. 3.30 Laska Floko. 4.0 Merely Mozart. 4.30 Hawkins.

Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.15 General Carl. 2.45 Manrico. 3.15 Sparkling-Tarqua. 3.45 Nescio. 4.15 Otter Way. 4.45 Robbie Lad

Lincoln Handicap FOUR-DAY ACCEPTORS: Joleg, Sandford Soy, Inside Quarter, Be Better, Swartset, Running Jimps, Silley's Knight, Irish Display, Reine Soleit, Northicach, Eazortack, Avenged, Bandsoms Kid, Blue Bridge, Brisholm, Crown Wimess, Black Minstrel, Fairy Pisherman, Man in The Middle, Cibbon, King's Ride, Celestial Gen, Bertie Me Boy.

RIDERS: Joles, S. Canthen; Sandford Boy, J. Blanks 5; Inside Quarter, ALSO RAN: 8-1 General Dew (4th).

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ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Rheinford, 7-1

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16-1 Stoel Trade, 20-1 Charlie Flower,
23-1 Commander Christy, Fouman,
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Al, Leith Hill Flyer, Wayward Cottage. 3.45 (3.55) DAW VALE (Handicap Seiling: £593 - 2m 11)
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Mr J. Bryan (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 it fav Bonthorpe
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10-1 Eva Anne. 12-1 Nice Touch (4th ...
14-1 Pharanh's Bride, 16-1 Eastleigh
Manor (p). 20-1 Cape Hartorss, Lord
Of Roses, 33-1 Folhilou's Folly, Why
Bird. Cholvell Separita, Jims-Double,
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2,45 (2,46) TOTE NURDLE (Handi-cap: £1,948: 24m;

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3.45: (4.50) WOODBURY' HURDLE
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Topic Tarxii. Page 14.45 ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Snack Time, 5-1 Princely Fool \$-1 Mourndyke; 10-1 Riberty Ster. 12-1 left the Roaf. Man on the Run (4th). Intersport. Paltestring, 14-1 Venucci. Leogardus (p) 25-1 Colonel Chvisty. Tom's Fool, Warwick Flyer, Holemon Boy (6). 3-1 Tizz. Super Fun. Atlantic Prince, Valuable Coln (p), 21 ran. TOTE: Win. 75p; places, 18p, 13p, 87p, 67p; dust forecast, 24.88, CSF; 24.73. D. D. Scott, at Minehead, 2 sl, 1 sl,

> 5.15 (5.20) KENTON HURDLE (DIV 11; £466; 2m 17) CARRONADE, br a by Scotish RHC—Negroni (W. Williams) 11.5 ... M. Williams 7.4 arr) Ladiposman ... S. May 2011 Servilla ... Mr M. Batters (16-2) ALSO RAN: 4-1 Migrator, 5-1 Floot Order, 12-1 Guide-My-Sleigh (4th). Roman Victory, 16-1 Sash of Gold, 20-1 Bishops Row, 25-1 Poole Bay, 35-1 Bradsiara, Darby Green, Flori De-Ann, Risk'n Hope, Wealth Owitishire, 15 ran.
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> TOTE: Win, 20p: places, 10p. 53o, 28p: dual invects, £16.03. CSF: 25.98. L. Kennard, at Taumton. Sh hd. TOTE DOUBLE: Balloni, Gleaning Fight, 25.50 (paid on first log). TREBLE: Gleathing Flight, Groovy, Silver Emandone, £18.55 (paid on first log).

Athletics

IAAF could lose their drugs expert

Derek Johnson, chairman of the perex jonson, charman of the International Athletes Club, said yesterday that the International Amateur Athletic Federation had set back drug control in the sport by five years. He was reacting to reports that Professor Arnold Professor the Professor Arnold Club yester the professor drug yester. Becket, the ploneer of drug tests in sport, was prepared to stop his work unless the LAAF toughened their attitude to athletes who use

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Professor Becket, who directs dope tests for the IAAF, was furious that the federation had reinstated five Eastern European athletes, who had been banned for a minimum of 18 mouths last year. The ban will be lifted on July 1, which means they will be available for selection for the Olympic Games.

The IAAF have been in the front of the fight against drug abuse, but could lose their leading expert if they do not stick to their own rules. Mr Johnson said:

"The IAAF are paper tiggers when it comes to dealing with the drug problem and it would be a traggedy if they lost the services of Professor Becket." I think thore should be an

problem and it would be a tragedy if they lost the services of Professor Becket.

"I think there should be an international flying squad of medical experts employed by the IAAF to fly round the world and do spot checks. They would have to operate in the winter as well as the summer and be able to hand out automatic suspensions to anyone found using drugs."

Jon Wigley, press officer of the IAAF, said: "The council used rule 11 which gives them the power to change decisions at their discretion. The Romanians and Bulgarians both had delegations at the meeting and asked for clemency. That was the only reason for the ban being lifted.

"We cannot justify the decision and it worries the officers of the IAAF because it sets a precedent. As far as we are concerned the 18-month mirrimum suspension for

IAAF because it sets a precedent.
As far as we are concerned the
18-month minimum suspension for
drug offences will still operate. It
seems crazy to me, particularly as
athletics is trying to take a initial
in this area. But there is nothing
we can do."
Bill Walker, the 40-year-old
assistant manager at Meadowbank,
Edinburgh, will be free to resume
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athletics coaching from April 1. The general committee of the Scottish Amateur Athletics Association decided, at a three-hour meeting on Wednesday night, to lift the suspension they imposed on Mr Walker, a British Amateur Athletics Board coach last month on Mr Walker, a british Antateur.
Athletics Board coach, last month.
The general committee's original action was taken because, they alleged, Mr Walker admitted making irregular payments to athletes in the 1978 Edinburgh Highland Games, which he organized

organized.
Although Mr Walker was suspended indefinitely, no action was taken against any rehletes because of a lack of evidence. The general committee decided to meet quickly after a 46 votes to 13 recommenda-tion for Mr Walker's reinstatement from a special general meeting of the association. "It is like a buge dark cloud at last moving", Mr Walker said yesterday. "Being able to coach is so important to me."

seeks rider for The Vintner

Naughton still

The Vintner, who represents Yorkshire's main hope of winning the Grand National next week, is still without a big race jockey. Mick Naughton, who trains him at Richmond, had hoped to put up Chris Grant on his first Grand National runner, quoted at 20-1. Grant was the rider when the gelding won the Ladbroke Trophy Handicap Steeplechase at Newcastle in January, but is now required by Denys Smith, the Bishop Auckland trainer, to ride Flashy Boy at Liverpool. Naughton hopes to engage a rider over the weekend.

The Vintner won the Punches town National Trial Handicap Steeplechase just over a year ago and was subsequently privately by Naughton.

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Tennis

Miss Austin toils to subdue S African

Martina Navratilova, Tracy Austin, Billie Jean King and Evonne Goolagong each achieved straightest victories in the first round of the women's tenuis tournament at Miss Stevens, who wears a cum-Madison Square Garden, New York. The top seeded Miss Navratilova, seeking her second suc-cessive title here, needed only 51 minutes to rout Kathy Jordan of the United States 6-2, 6-1.

Miss Austin, the second seed,

who lost to Miss Navratilova in a three-set final in last year's champlouships, had to toil to subdue Greer Stevens of South Africa, who was forced to retire because of an ankle injury while trailing 3-6, 3-5.

In a match involving the two oldest competitors in the women's top 10, the 36-year-old Mrs King won 12 of the last 15 games in beating the 34-year-old Virginia Wade, of Britain, 6—1, 6—3. Evonne Cawley, formerly Goolagong, recovered from a 1—3 deficit in the second set to beat her Australian compatriot Wendy Turnbuil, 7-6, 6-4.

Turnbull, 7-6, 6-4.

The winners of Wednesday's first round matches now play one another as do the losers in both groups. Mrs King meets Riss Miss Navratilova. Mrs Austin faces Mrs Cawley, Mrs Wade takes on Miss Jordan and Mrs Turnbull plays Miss Stevens, assuming that the South African has sufficiently recovered from her ankle injury.

The 24-year-old Miss Stevens, having her finest season as a prohaving her finest season as a pro-

Miss Stevens, who wears a cum-bersome brace on her left knee because of an old injury, told a ductor at the Garden that she had heard a "crack", but X-ray examination showed she had not suffered any fracture. A tournament official said the

injury had been diagnosed as a "soft spot in the ankle", and that Miss Stevens would practise to determine whether she was able play Mrs Turnbull.

Brian Gottfried of the United States beat Uli Pinner of West Germany and Tim Gullikson, also of the United States, beat the West German Rolf Gehring in second-round matches of the the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament at Frankfurt. Earlier., Guillermo Vilas, who Frankfurt. helped Argentina to beat the Davis Cup holders, the United States in Buenos Aires last week,

was easily beaten by the Ameri-can Bill Scanlon in straight sets in the first round. John Alexander, fell to Raul Ramirez of Mexico who won 6—4; 6—3, to leave Hans Gildemeister the only surviving seed. Another surprise was the defeat of Vilas and Jose-Luis Clerc who were beaten 6—1, 6—2, in the first round of the doubles by Scalon of the United States and Johan Kriek of South Africa.

Real Tennis

Cambridge keep nerve to win deciding doubles

By Roy McKelvie

Real Tennis Correspondent Cambridge won the University Real Tennis match beating Oxford Real Tennis match beating Oxford by four rubbers to three, at Lord's yesterday. In the deciding doubles match William Gowans and Andrew McDonald, the Cambridge pair, beat William Hollington and Aman Kanwaw by 3-6, 6-4, 6-5 after being down 2-4 in the second set and losing a match point at 5-3 in the final.

The day began with the teams

The day began with the teams level at 1-1, but Cambridge then took the fourth and third string singles matches. Simon Kverudal beat Jeremy Fricker in three sets and then Andrew McDonald, through sheer tenacity, beat a better stroke player, Aman Kan-waw, by 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. This set the stage for Oxford's recovery as the odds were in favour of them winning the top two singles matches, leaving the result to a deciding doubles.

Oxford's second string Fred Satow won his match against William Gowans by 6-4, 6-3, the score bearing little relation to the tussle. Satow concentrated on keeping the ball on the floor, but was frequently joited out of his rhythm by the rugged play of Gowans who, at times, blasted the ball all round the court, got a lot

of difficult ones back but had spells of missing easier shots, Satow, in danger of losing his grip on the second set, needed a

steady nerve and patience. Then Oxforo's experienced firsh string William Hollington found himself near to deteat before overcoming Michael Gradon by 6—5, 3—6, 6—5. This was a splendid contest won in the end by Hollington's persistence in sticking to bask principles, though he could do with more weight in his strokes and enterprise in using them. Gradon, without the same traditional skill, was bold and thoroughly energetic. Some of his returning in the long rallies at the end of the second set was breathtaking, and, when he advanced to 3—0 in the final set, Gradon looked, the deserved winger. He then had a couple of loose games, recovered to lead. Then Oxforo's experienced first loose games, recovered to lead. 5-3, but Hollington was never in danger of losing the last three games.

Oxford names tirst: J. Fricker (Harrow and Famos) fool to S. R. Kernual (Harrow and Edwary Luster, 19-4), J. Kanwar (Elm and St. Churring) fool in A. J. B. Velonard Churring fool in A. J. B. S. Velonard Churring fool; F. C. Salow, (Hurby and Trinity) fool W. Govenna (Magdy and Trinity) fool W. Govenna (Magdy Edward Edward Edward Hall) fool; W. A. Hollignion (Halleybury and Et. Edward Hall) fool R. M. Gradon (Halleybury and Downing)

Rowing

British flagship's first appearance on Tideway determined to oust the " official "

What must be the fastest British What must be the fastest British eight of the season makes its one and only likely competitive appearance tomorrow. Designated "ARA National Squad II" they start from seventh position in the main Head of the River race to the crews in the top 10 start. "ARA National Squad II" they start from seventh position in the main Head of the River race (10.30) on the Tideway. This British flagship will not attempt to place all its eggs in one basket in the Olympic regatta should it take place. It will divide after Saturday's race back into a Coxless four, guaranteed a place in

four determined to light off other candidates for this particular berth.

The passing "flagship" has on board six men who between them have won no less than 17 international medals over the past decade and they must surely take the head title by some distance.

Other leading contenders in a field of 420 eights—resulted to this number for safety reasons—will be fighting for reputations. The "official" national eight, who are being groomed for international appearances this season starts as head crew: They will be chased by an aggressive Leander and Oxford University rowing in lisis' colours, starting in second and third places respectively.

Leander, who recently won the Reading Head, in record time, are

ing order include the London lightweight eight (fourth) and the Irish Police. Garda Slochana (fifth). Unless the Garda have their four internationals on board, they are scheduled for a less four, guaranteed a place in the British team, and a coxed four determined to fight off other candidates for this particular berth.

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There are strong rumours of what may be described as floating mercenaries on the Tideway: London University, who appear to

Ireland and Wales

Bowls

in two finals Wales and Ireland reached two, finals at the British women's indoor bowls championships at Cardiff yesterday. Both teams made
progress in the semi-final round
of the fours: Ireland are also
through in the triples and Wales,
with the superb Mrs Margaret
Pomeroy having the chance of a
double, went through in the pairs.
England were not out of the
honours. Mrs Norma Shaw, from
Teesside, won the final of the
singles against Mrs Frances
Whyte, the Scottish singles champion. Mrs Shaw, the English Whyte, the Scottish singles champion. Mrs Shaw, the English singles champion, also reach the final of the doubles.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-final round: Scotland Whise best Ireland to the semi-final round: Scotland Whise best Ireland to the semi-final round: England Whise Law Hise Law best Wiles Wrs E. Thomas: 21-1/2. Final: Fanished best Scotland 21-8 Pairs: Semi-final round: England (Mrs P. Spence and Wrs N. Shaw best Scotland Wrs P. Spence and Wrs N. Shaw best Scotland Wrs P. Spence and Wrs N. Shaw best Scotland Wrs P. Spence and Wrs N. Shaw best Best Ireland Wis B. Lamont and Wrs D. Roy: 19-17. Triples: Belfast best Scotland. C1-12. four: Setfast best Scotland. C1-12. four: Setfast best Aberdson. 17-15.

Leeds director resigns

Brian Roberts, a Leeds United director, has resigned because of his commitments in business and as a magistrate. He has recently been responsible for ground im-provements designed to combat hooliganism.

Show jumping

More help for Phillips's Olympic effort

Captain Mark Phillips, beneficiary of a £60,000 sponsorship backing from British Leyland's Land Rover Ltd, has had another new horse bought for him to assist his Olympic effort. The horse, a nine year old called Rough and Tough, has been acquired by the British Equestrian Federation and made over to Captain Phillips, who rode in Captain Phillips, who rode in Britain's 1972 gold medal winning team in the three-day event.

team in the three-day event.
Coptain Phillips will ride Rough
and Tough at next month's Badminton Horse Trials, results of
which will decide the Olympic
team short list.

The money to buy what the
selectors regard as a horse of
Olympic potential has come from
the Olympic sport sponsorship
trustees, a privately operated
scheme which raises funds for
yachting and athletics as well as
equestrian sport. This year they equestrian sport. This year they have collected £30,000 to help their three conseries 250,000 to act these three chosen sports. Training and upkeep of Rough and Tough will be taken care of under the Land Rover Ltd scheme.

lce skating

Cousins puts professional plans to back of his mind

amateur commitments have fin-ished and that won't be until late in May or early June. Then we hope we can get down to business and sort something out." At least two rival ice show companies, one operating largely in the United States and the other in Europe,

States and the other in Europe, want to sign Cousins, who is 22.

Whether he chooses Europe or America, Cousins is likely to be managed by Carlo Fassi, the coach wino steered him land John Curry of Brizzin four years earlier) to outstanding success. Cousins, together with other world stars, including East Germany's Jan Hoffman, the man who beat him for the world title, took part in a Gala of Champions at Richmond Ice Rink last night. ice Rink last night.

Cousins said: "That was not the decision of the skaters them-selves, and I have no qualms at all about skating before the Russian public. They are all keen followers of ice skating, who want to see the best skaters in the world perform. We are going there on behalf of the International Skating Union and there are no complications about it." He flies to Geneva today and will return to his home town Bristol tomorrow, where he town Bristol tomorrow, where he is to be given a civic reception, before resuming his European tour in Rome on Sunday.

Fratianne joins show: Linde Fratianne, of the United States, the former world ice skating champion, and also silver medallist behind East Germany's Anner Pötzsch at the Olympics last month, has numed professional. She will skate. for an ice show.

For the record

Golf

sia) 36, 36: 73: K. Powert (US) 32, 39, Taso Chen Teng (Talwan) 38, 35. Srissinga (Thalland) 36, 37. M. Krantz (US) 38, 35. P. Firnistone (Australia) 36, 37, J. Woodland (Australia) 35: 38, B. Harrison (US) 36, 37, Lim Kian Tong (Singapore) 35, 38, T. Fukuzaki (Japan) 36, 37, D. Lee (US) 36, 37, LEADING EARNINGS: US men's tour: 1 T Watson \$110.425; 2, A. Bean \$85.277; 5, J. Cobert \$81.376; 3, G. Burns \$76.780; 5, D. Eichelberger \$73.500; 6, C. Stadler \$71.785; 7, R. Floyd \$68.287; 8, D. Pohi \$66.223; 9, J. Killer \$66.523; 9, J. Killer \$66.53; 20, K. Ferrus \$63.831.

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Two neighbouring London boroughs—but so different in the way they tackle inner city decay.

Why the left costs more than the right



A tale of two town halls Lambeth (left) 2 believe in spending on services. Wandsworth believe in saving ... but maintain that their cuts are so well arranged that the public will hardly notice them



bocal government claims that it: vide a vivid example of the is always a difficult year to balance the needs of the com-raunity against the cost of services and against the back-ground of government requirements to curb expenditure. This year is arguably the

worst for some time because of this ing inflation and the severis of the spending cuts Conservative leader, who to required. The pressures on judge by the enthusiastic local authorities have not been reception he received at the helped by the hostility between the Conservative government and the Labour opposition. As a result local government is before and the attitudes of Conservative and Labour councils more polarized.

With few exceptions Conservarive authorities have made the required cuts and kept rates increases down, while Labour councils, reluctant to reduce services, have had to

put the cost on the rates. inner city authorities the difficulties the difficulties were accen-tuated by the Government's decision to halt the increased flow of resources to the cities. non-metropolitan areas benefited at their ise, and since Labour authorities predominate in the inner cities, this has increased the likelihood of Labour cooncils standing at the head of any league table for rate rises. In London, the boroughs of

different attitudes adopted in tackling the deprivation of the inner city areas in the light of financial difficulty. Lambeth's leader, Mr Edward Knight, champion of the Labour party principle that services must be maintained, faces Mr Christo-pher Chope, Wandsworth's Conservative leader, who to parry's recent local government conference is fast becoming a paragon of Tory realist virtue.

The boroughs jostle uneasily

together on the south of the Thames, both suffering similar city decay, marked by unemployment, derelict land and bad housing. There the comparisons end. Two years ago, at the end of a Labour administration in Wandsworth its rates were higher than in Lambeth, the picture now is very different. In Hazelbourne Road, Balham where one side is in Lambeth and the other in Wandsworth. the rates on similar facing houses are 5216 on the Lanbeth side and £135 on the Wandsworth For the present year the average Lambeth rates are £206, those for Wandsworth £166. Next year

£300 against £200. Mr Knight is not without sympathy for his ratepayers.
"I think it's unfair on them

the figures will be roughly

because I don't think the prob-lems of the inner cities should he solely the concern of inner should not have to pick up the bill for these problems, but faced with a national govern-ment which refuses to give enough help we have to charge

Last year's rate increase of made to cover the expanded services for which the council was elected in 1978, while this year's 49 per cent increase is necessicated by the reduced Government rate support grant, he says. "For every fi we require this year, we need another 64p for the coming year, of which the rare support

grant provides only 17p." The council had considered cutting £3m from the budget but found that would mean closing children's and old people's homes, reducing home helps and help for the menand physically handicap-

We felt that it would not be acceptable to a Labour council. We were elected to meet the problems of an ioner city borough with special needs." Looking across to Wandsworth he saw social chaos because of the cuts in and services, striking

provide for some of the need created but not satisfied in Wandsworth. "We get some comeback on social services. If you have a borough depriving its older population, there is an overflow into our borough?

The final words for Lambert uphold their policy. "We are certainly as efficient as Wands-worth", says Mr Knight. "Our council's objective is to meet the needs of the area, and we do provide better services than Wandsworth."

Lambeth has not cut his staff because "if you have the services, you need managers and the people to deliver the ser-

Lambeth has a population of about 270,000, a staff of 10,200—500 more than a year —and a spending budget of £83m. Wandsworth has a population of 275,000, a staff of 7,200—1,000 less than two years ago—and a budget of

The staff difference between the boroughs is substantial, and the reduction in Wandsworth since the Conservatives gained control in 1978 is the sort of saving close to the heart of Mr Michael Heseltine, the Environment Secretary. He sees it as the key to the achievement of public sector savings

command of his brief, argues that Wandsworth's economy is greatly helped by having fewer staff and less bureaucracy. He believes that for the bulk of the services provided the pub-tic will not notice any cuts. Ironically the Conservatives were helped by Wandsworth's previous Labour administration, which consistently had

high rate increases and left them with a cushion. The result was a nil increase last year and 18 per cent for the coming year. In small noticeable areas, the service is reduced—in public laundries and baths and the council has closed a public convenience which did not receive sufficient custom to

justify the staff costs. Encouraging self-help the council has brought in housing associations and has handed over preschool groups, with a large grant, to community groups. "We have got to have services that we can afford." Mr Chope accepts that it is early to tell whether his coun-cil is succeeding, but says

there is less unemployment than before. "We have tried to encourage industry come in, and it seems to have worked. Skilled people are the key. They want their own house, so we have a houses-forsale policy. We are trying to create a better atmosphere so

that the able bodied do not leave, and we have stopped the mass exodus of a year or two

The rate base has also gone up. Last year a 1p rate raised £464,000 and in 1980-81 ir will

Mr Chope's conclusion: "Certainly in value for money we provide a better service. Driving through Lambeth one can see the dereliction. Their roads are not as well main-

some services perhaps "In Lambeth provides a little more, where they spend more. But it is arong to think we are, mean and not doing anything. We make sure though that we are realistic and do what we can afford."

The net result is that Wands worth receives a par on the back and Lambeth is on the short list for production by Mr Heseltine. Mr Knight— "Red Ted", as he is affection-ately known—has the light of battle in his eye and positively looks forward to standing in penalty box. But he wants Labour council colleagues up and down the country to join him, and a few almost certainly will.

> Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

The powe that publi opinion wie

Fundamental changes in the War, was brownld often occur without being French and int noticed. An instance of this has been the important change which has been taking place since the Second World War, in the centre of gravity of power, from governments to public opinion. Two factors rendered this change inevitable:

1. Higher standards of literacy and education which enabled public opinion to be much better informed on national and international affairs than ever pefore. This has enabled public opinion to make its own assessment of different situations; also, public opinion became more discerning.

2. The development of the mass media printed and audiovisual media printed and audiovisual tion and views instantly to the entire human race. Even entire human race Even people who cannot read are instantly informed of events as they take place throughout the world. People in the most iso-lated and impoverished rural areas, usually have access to transistor radios. Not only have they access to the news services provided by their own national radio network, but in most cases they also have access to a multiplicity of different news and, information services; these compete with each other to reach the ears minds and con-sciences of mankind. The transistor receiver is the most potent instrument of public

information. The combination of these two elements has brought about a complete shift in the centre of gravity of political power in the world. Public opinion is now in a position to he informed and to exercise judgment on most important tuations in the world. Inevitpublic opinion forms its

dwa judgment and takes sides. Another facet of the same development is that public opinion has been gradually learning how to make its voice heard, and thus to exercise power. In democratic countries where there are a multiplicity of political parties, political parties now have to organize opinion polls to ensure that their policies are on conformity with the trends of public opinion. These public opinion polls are already exerting considerable influence in the shaping of policy by parties. The art of the public opinion poll as a method of influencing policy is only still in its infancy.

In one-party states, governments are beginning to realize that they, too, must inform and consult the members of the "one-party" more closely than before. Not only that, but the before that more to keep in closer that he will be the before the b roots and with the general in most coun public. As a result of the better media, radio information services, and a under direct

important development the dissidents" in Eastern Europe

While this growth in the importance of public opinion and the consequential decrease of the omnipotence of governmental authority were inevitable, and should have been foreseen, governments have been slow to accept and to

Changes.

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Ward manifestations of the result of the growing power of The author public opinion as against the Unesco Integral.

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No one dare move an inch. And then, the poet Orpheus got up and sang the story of Creation, to dispel all thought of strife."
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ard at those who needed and has practised what he preaches by doing just that in Mr Knight believed that his his own department. hard

The younger men that Mrs Thatcher

Geoffrey Smith

must convince of her strategy 'but there is a quiet lack of

At the start of this week it Those who feel strongly about looked as if the Government child benefits are not neces-might be embarrassed by the sarily exercized about keeping House of Commons debate on line with inflation or preserving the Olympics boycott. As it the earnings-related element in turned out, they were given unemployment benefit. But more cause for anxiety by there is none the less a signifi-luesday's debate on the uprate cant overlap between unease ing of child benefits. This was over child benefits and other not because they were brought matters. even near to defeat by the Quite Quite a number of the child

attempt to commit them to a benefit campaigners are also specific level of benefit from unhappy not about the Governnext November: the rebels deliberately did no more than offer a token gesture of protest on this occasion.

But the tone of the debate, and the other indications of potential rebellion on this issue, indicate that the Government might be in parliamentary difficulties if they do not an-nounce next week that child benefits will be increased by something like the sum needed to compensate for inflationthough the reaction on the backbeaches will be influenced

the overall nature of the fits might be regarded as a single-issue question. Potential rebels have been brought together from right across the party. The taunt used in the course of the debate, that there is a Tory Tribune Group, is inaccurate. The lines of protest in the Conservative Party are not drawn as precisely as 'that.

ment's purposes but about their tactics. They agree with the priority given to controlling inflation, the need to reduce public expenditure and to cut taxation. But they are not per-suaded of the necessity to attach overriding importance to an exact figure for the public sector borrowing requirement; they fear that substantial sec-tions of industry might be bankrupted in the cause of balancing the national books; and they are uncomfortable at what they consider to be the inade-quacy of the Government's social policy in general.

The new intake of Conserva-

tive MPs, among them a number with exceptional political experience and capacity, is prominent in this category. So too are some of the most able of other recent entrants. This is why the child benefit debate should be a cause of wider anxiety for the Government, going quite beyond the immediate issue; and I am

Backbenchers are not rebellious conviction in the Government's doctrines and judgment'

not attempting to belittle the importance of that.

It was indirectly a reminder of the extent to which the Govviction in the Government's doctrines and judgment.

For how long will this remain quiet? That will depend largely on events. There is no eagerness to prove the Government wrong, and only a minority of Conservative MPs definitely be-lieve them to be mistaken-though, as I have indicated, this minority includes a high proportion of the ablest younger ones. But there is probably a majority who are doubtful about the Government's appropriate the converged they proach, not convinced that ministers have got it wrong but without much confider they have got it right. confidence that

Such a spirit of uneasy agnosticism is enough to carry any British government along until-the point is reached when things are felt to be going of the extent to which the Government has yet to convince its supporters in Parliament, especially the younger members, of the wisdom of its approach. There is no mood of seething the partial on the backbenches, and lovely is no longer a feature. ing loyalty is no longer a fea-ture of British politics in any

party these days. In an important book* to be published next week Dr Philip Norton of Hull University analyzes the increased propen-sity of MPs to rebel against their party whips in recent years. It is hardly surprising that there should have been more government defeats in the House of Commons during the years of Labour minority rule. But Dr Norton points out that of 42 defeats in the last Parliament 19 were attributable pay.

defeat their own side. That was partly because of the quite exceptional issue of devolution, which cut across party lines, and partly also perhaps because the very existence of a minority administration may have encouraged the belief

Labour members combining with opposition members to

specific questions without suffering as much damage to its reputation as it would under normal circumstances. Dr Norton's thesis, though, is Dr Norton's thesis, the that the greater tendency to rebel was evident during Heath's premiership of 1970-74. when the Government was defeated six times through cross-voting by Conservative backbenchers. Half of those defeats occurred on three-line

Yet none of them was on items central to the Government's policy, and I am not sure how far the old discipline has broken down under the usual conditions of a majority government. The experience of this Parliament will tell us. Certainly the power of the whips remains strong, but already the Government have been forced by the reaction on the floor of

to opposition parties combin- Parliamentary pressure was a ing against a minority govern- principal cause of the retreat Parliamentary pressure was a

BBC external services. The belief that the House would not have renewed the order for Rhodesian sanctions was an important factor in the Lancaster House negotiations, and soon we shall see if the pressure over child benefits has been effective. What is beyond doubt is that

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a more assertive and indepen-dent breed of MP is entering that it could be defeated on the House these days. They are professionals in the sense of devoting their careers to poli-tics, even if they retain another job on the side. They have gone into Parliament not 1: they believe it to be the best club in Europe but because they want to have a direct influence on public policy. That was always true, of course, of a number of members; nowadays

> It follows that there are therefore a higher proportion of ambitious—and potentially frustrated—backbenchers who are determined to exercise their own judgment on public policy. The lesson for this as indeed for any government is that on child benefits as on other issues the agreement of the new breed of member will have to be won by persuasion.

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*Dissension in the House of Com-mons 1974-79. By Philip Norton. Clarendon Press. (528.50).

MOSCOW DIARY

Russia has flying saucers too

There was a play running in Moscow recently entitled simply "NLO" — the Russian abbreviation for UFO, unidentified flying object. The main character, who is going through a domestic crisis, periodically turns on the radio and each time hears a snatch of a programme about flying saucers, the abominable snowman, the Bermuda triangle or the lost continent of Atlantis. He begins to wonder whether he or the real world is going insane. For millions of Russians

these things, if not real, are a source of endless fascination and speculation about them, official and unofficial, is almost obsessive. The papers are for ever discussing this or that scientific explanation of these tions are sent off to look for Atlantis or the veti or the mysterious vortex in the sea. Rus-

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can resist is flying saucers. "The sky was black, cloudless with many stars and the con-stellations were easily seen ", a reader from Omsk recently told Pravda. "Among them I saw an especially bright star from which there came a glow. At first I thought it was a satel-lite, but over the lake the globe' began to descend, and the cloud around it grew larger. "In the sky above the mountains an object moved rather fast and high in an upward tra-jectory, leaving behind a wide, straight white tail very similar

to the trace of a plane though much wider. There was no sound or noise of any kind." The reader was mistaken, Pravda said categorically: scientists do not even recognize the term UFO. Everything can be explained by cloud forma-tions or atmospheric conditions. Nevertheless Soviet scientists

spend a great deal of time writing about flying saucers, in-

sians devour every scrap of vestigating reported sightings vestigating reported signings and trying to convince crowded lecture halls that the little green men do not exist. It seems to be a losing battle. The greater the anti-saucer propaganda, the more obstinately belief in them grows.

Official attempts to discredit

Official attempts to discredit and refute all accounts and rumours about space vehicles from other planets and encounwith alien beings have intensified as popular interest in the subject has grown. Some years ago there was a tendency to deny outright the existence of any sort of unidentified flying object and appropriate statements by prominent scien-tists were used to back up this rgument. In 1968, for example, the

director of the astronomy council of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told Pravda that any object flying over Soviet territory could not fail to be identified by scientists or by the military authorities. But Russians' beliefs were not shaken and have been re-inforced by suitably embellished

in the most recent Prayda

article on the subject the director of the Institute of Earth enlist the services of sociologists Magnerism and Ionosphere said that in fact many atmospheric phenomena observed by people were hard to explain. He said these events had to

be classified, investigated and objectively evaluated. But re-search should make use only of verifiable facts and information and should pay no attention to the "inflamed fantasies of those seeking sensations ". The paper went on to describe some of the things Russians claim to have seen in the heavens: unsually bright stars, discs. lobes, cucumbers, cigars,

double and single crescents, triangles and squares. Most of these, the paper said, could be put down to atmospheric effects at dusk. But the correspondent said he witnessed the birth of one wave of saucer-sightings when several geo-physical research rockets were launched. They left a brightly coloured sodium cloud floating in the sky. Immediately letters in the sky. Immediately letters started pouring into the Pravda office reporting flying saucers.

and ethnographers. Last year the journal Soviet Ethnography maintained that the popular idea that the saucers are piloted by what the Russians call "ufonauts" or "humanoids" was nothing more than a modernized version of the old fairy stories about people en-countering evil spirits—devils, witches, wood goblins, water-

Last year also the paper Zhurnalist published a theory that the unidentified flying objects were really only zones of very highly ionized air or zones of chemoluminescence. Depending on its chemical composition, such a zone could assume all kinds of hues, and an encounter with one could have fatal consequences for the pilot of an aircraft. The paper said this expltined, for example, the disappearance of a whole flight of American military aircraft above the notorious

sprites and so on.

Bermuda triangle.

Popular theories are far more tarted pouring into the Prayda romantic. A woman maintained investigating UFOs for some office reporting flying saucers, that icons painted hundreds of years, but its members are The campaign against UFOs years ago included uncanny reluctant to talk publicly about

resemblances to descriptions of UFOs. And one young man I know now refuses to visit his uncle because he cannot stand the constant talk of flying

The belief now has such a

grip on the population that it

has almost assumed ideological overtones, and the anti-soucer campaign is being directed by the very highest party circles.
Inevitably this means that all public discussion of the matter is now subject to political authorization. The taboos are such that some Soviet journalists have been unable to put

forward their theories for years. Strange luminous effects, similar to gigantic fireworks, were observed in the Petrozavodsk area, near Finland, in 1977 and inevitably set off a chain of rumours; but the scientific explanations had to wait until they were fully approved after lengthy discus-

The Sovier Academy of Sciences is said to have a num-ber of bodies that have been

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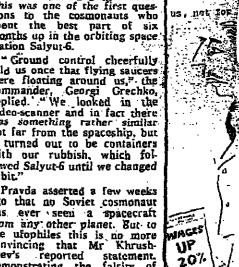
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station Salyut-6. "Ground control cheerfully told us once that flying saucers were floating around us," the commander, Georgi Grechko, replied. "We looked in the video-scanner and in fact there was something rather similar not far from the spaceship, but

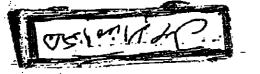
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religion, that Yuri Gagarin had

never seen an angel. Michael Binyon



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start of the 1980s Singapore is aring to enter the second phase of its as an independent nation. During the ing decade it should both transform coromy and renew its political leader-. The two processes have already been n motion by a government which likes iticipate the future.

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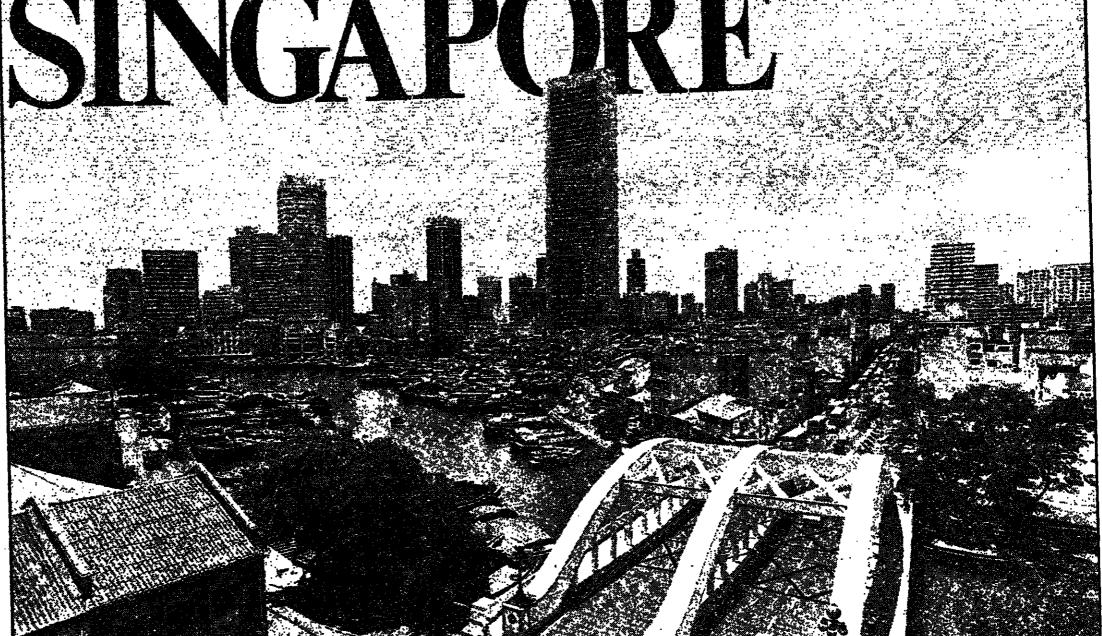
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which commands popular support and can hold party and country together. Some observers feel that tensions may soon come to the surbetween these young

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education.

As it contemplates the future, the PAP seems particularly concerned about political apathy among the population and the dilution of traditional Chinese values such as respect for one's parents and the state, and the willingness to work hard.

As far as the depoliticing

As far as the de-politicization of Singaporean life is concerned, the PAP is largely the victim of its own success. The party has been so efficient in crushing the opposition and raising levels of prosperity that few of prosperity that fcw people feel there are any political causes left worth fighting for.

In the last three elections the PAP has won every seat in Parliament. Nevertheless, in Farmament. Nevertheless, it fights each campaign with a vigour which would make you think its survival was at stake and, once elected, at stake and, once elected, MPs are expected to work bard at cultivating their constituencies.

Additional links with the

electorate are provided by People's Associations. These operate in every housing estate under the leadership of PAP members and enable of PAP members and enable the party both to get its message across to the voters and to keep in touch with what the latter are thinking.

Any activity which is judged prejudicial to the stability of the country is rigorously suppressed. In a report published earlier this year on a mission it sent to year on a mission it sent to Singapore in 1978, Amnesty International accused the Government of violating the following human rights: freedom from terture and cruel and inhuman treatment; freedom from arbitrary arrest and decention; equality before the law; the right to a fair and public trial; freedom of con-

The report criticized in particular the use made of the Internal Security Act which, it said, gave the authorities "almost unlimited representations of sphires." mited powers of arbitrary arrest and preventive detention", and had been "consolidated by the post-inde-pendence Government of Lee Kuan Yew into a means to stifle political dissent in the republic". It drew attention to three men—Dr Lin Hock Siew, Ho Piao and Lee Hock Stew, Ho Figo and Lee
Tse Tong—who have been
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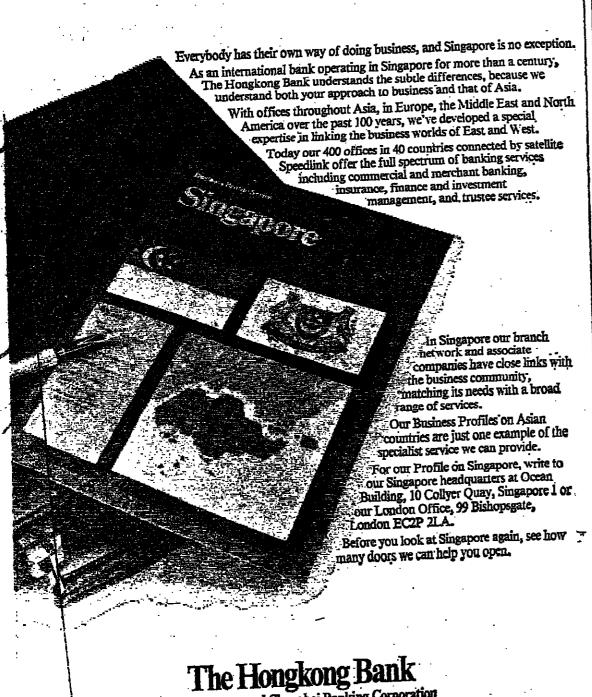
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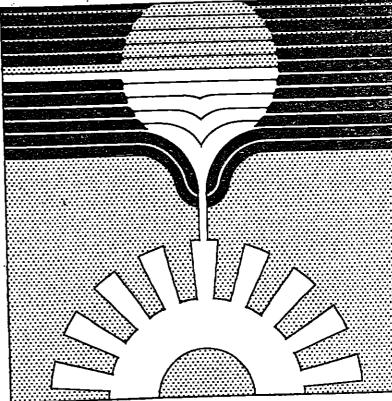
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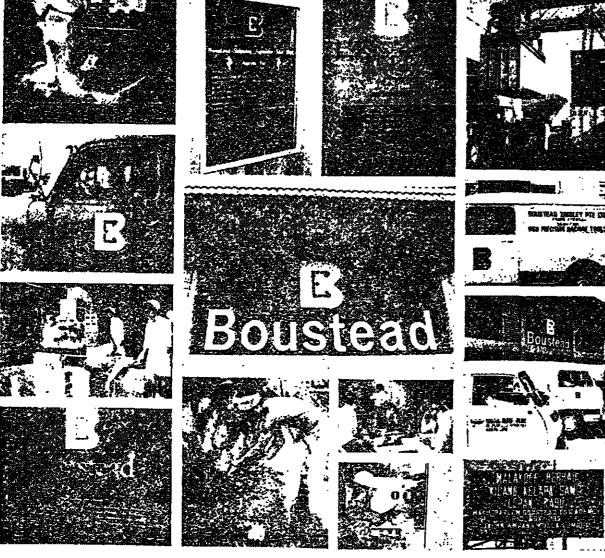
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of the industrial countries, with the 1979 figure provi-sionally estimated at 9.3 per

In terms of prices Singapore has also done well, with the gross domestic product deflator ranging be-tween 2 and 4 per cent. For a decade now, the Singapore economy has been following a policy of being open to the rest of the world—in particular, the industrialized countries—at the same time being closed in the sense of adopting internal economic policies which differ from those of the rest of the

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new decade. Singapore's much-heralded industrialization programme has taken a

A textile manufacturer or one of his kind who were responsible for Singapore's growth in the would have no place in Singapore today. Instead, he

would be redirected to another developing country and the same would apply to any labour-intensive, low skilled industry seeking to set up shop in Singapore. Since last July, when the National Wages Council, a tripartite body comprising trade unions and govern-ment, raised wages by 20 per cent, Singapore has ush-ered in a new capital-intensive, higher technology era, now popularly referred to as its second industrial re-Low value-added industries either have to upgrade to higher value-added pro-ducts through mechanization or else be priced out of the market by higher labour

recommending the highest wage increase since 1973, the NWC said it was proposing a high wage policy in order to restructure the economy to a higher technological level through higher productivity

and better wages.
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ment's main agency in attracting foreign invest-ments, already has 11 main industries planned for the 1980s, including special che-

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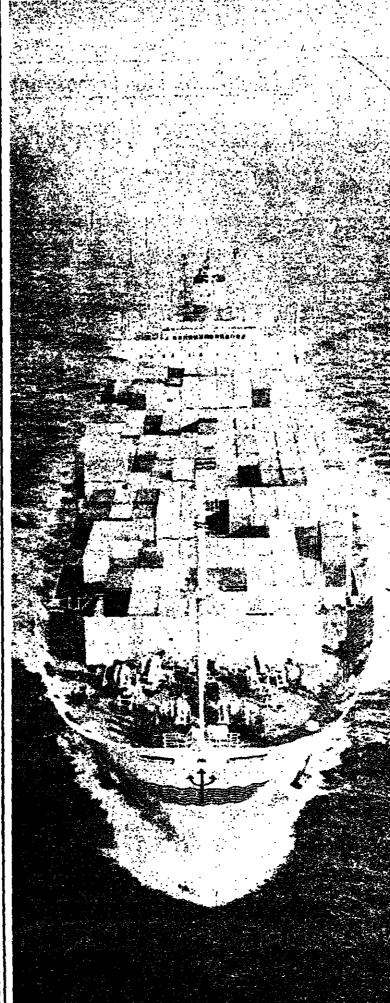
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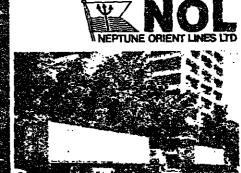
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Economy plans rely on foreign investment

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For Lesney International the toy makers, the Singeit could be a good spring-board for a company wishpore factory was the first new manufacturing unit to ing to do business with China. Asked how it would he opened outside Britain. China. Asked how it would compare with Hongkong in this respect, a board official said the roles of the two cities were complementary: Hongkong's strength was in consumer goods, Singapore's in capital goods such as cilied equipment and agricultural machinery. The republic also had ample facilities for storage and maintenance operations.

Singapore was chosen because of its location, its ready supply of muney, its political stability and its rraining in vocational skills. Opened just over a year ago, the local company, Lessield equipment and agricultural machinery. The republic also had ample facilities for storage and maintenance operations. Like Dynacast, Lesney has been granted a five-year tax Although the official expressed disappointment at the slow growth of British

About 92 per cent of Les investment in Singapore it ney's output, which com-prises bath toys and plastic appears to be keeping up with that of other countries. injection moulds for other Indeed, the arrival of new-comers to the island and toy manufacturers, exported. The main markets expansion of facilities by in 1979 were the United States and Australia, but companies already estabished there are impressive this year Mr Dick Flewitt, when compared with British activity in other parts of the the managing director, expects Europe to account for 50 per cent of sales worth between \$9.5m and Among the newcomers are Hunton International, 10m (12m). Mr Flewitt said which is manufacturing 10- that production costs were at

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Ranjit Gill, editor of Maritime Asia, looks at his country's society after two decades of People's Action Party rule and at efforts to make the island the communications centre of South-east Asia

Goading its people towards a better life

The declining level The search for a national identity, given the cultural English ethnic diversity of Singapore's 2,400,000 popula- first defects tion, its geographical proxireignoours among the been attending refresher ASEAN grouping, and its courses, and a drive to rechitherto cool relations with ruit several China, has for long preoccupred certain Government-inspired sectors of the con-

quest has taken several turns and significant policy decisions touching on ion and culture, made education and culture, made drive, are a regular feature in the last year, indicate a on the island—and now new sense of urgency as the Government plans to grap- placed ple with the challenges that and moral values among the will confront it before the younger citizens.

As the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, and the most senior members of his 20-year-old Cabinet move to hand over the reins of leadership within the next five majority of Singaporeans years or so should be supported to the support of the support years or so, they appear entering the workforce are determined to pass on a set of tested policies, which adiustments. with adjustments, may ensure the continuous and harmonious development of and women who

Singapore in a region becoming increasingly tense.

The ruling People's Action Party has been able effectively to wield both the carrot and the stick to institute the state of the state o carrot and the stick to instil social disciplines in a community which until two official forecasts that there decades ago had scant will be more old people, respect for authority, and defined as persons above 60 was obsessed with narrow and no longer economically self-interests.

Malay has remained the national language of Siriga-pore despite the fact that ethnic Chinese make up pore's family planning promore than 75 per cent of gramme, initiated more than the population. English, 10 years ago, is largely meanwhile, has remained responsible for this. The the main medium of instruction in schools and higher institutions of learning. Less than a year ago, before a visit by Mr Lee and several members of his Cabinet to China, the first of a number

both written and spoken was among the noted Teachers, and even senior Kingdom is well under way. At about the same time, a

campaign launched-short-lived campaigns, with the exception of the green and clean city greater emphasis is being on instilling social

Apart from taking young alleged lack of respect for their elders, the Governrugged young Singaporeans has yet to materialize, save for a bandful of young men

more self-reliance among productive. A drop in the voul!g expected to follow.

The success of Singagrow to about 2,800,000 by of 30 supporting those 1982, and stabilize at about 3,500,000 30 years from new and equal number of 30 supporting those 1982.

In June 1979, 7.1 per cent of the population of 2,362,000 were above 60, and Singapore's dependence 15.9 per cent above 40. In foreign 20 years time major changes out



A parking warden at work The importance of social disciplines is emphasized.

However, given labour demand and workers — 200,000 a workforce of

Singapore will either have system, some of them to take on the less necessitated by political remunerative menial chores, expediency, others caused including those more physically demanding, or allow even more foreigners to come to work. This may keng Swee, who formerly result in moderating the limitation of the family unit defence portfolios, has limitation of the family unit defence portfolios, has being a sore point still with some sections of the Asian communities who believe that each child is an communities who believe that each child is an communities who believe that each child is an interest of them as a sore point still the propounding the political moves to establish itself as the airport becomes operated before. Financial deterrents, in the rapid develop the airport becomes operated between financial deterrents, in the payment of £1 the port of Singapor to calculated moves to establish itself as the airport becomes operated between the air and sea junction for the latter in the learn to the central particular the communications to the carriage of goods and Orcherd Road, in the heart to during minal makes the tourists en rouge from the of the tourist belt, and business district during minal makes the tourist belt, and business district during minal makes the tourist belt, and business district during minal makes the tourist sen rouge from the Australasian region, and miles away, will reduce trace that more tax, bave done little to grew at the faste to the communications. The deter private car ownership, all economic sections of the Foreign Minister, Mr S. Asian communities who have the foreign district during minister to the communications that one of the faste very line to a little more tax, bave done little to grew at the faste very line to a little more tax, bave done little to grew at the faste to two, the faste very line to a little more tax, bave done little to grew at the same very line to the communications and it is estimated that one of the faste to the faste to the faste to the more tax ba believe that each child is an time propounding the economic asset. Malaysians importance of social and dominate the foreign work moral values as he does in implemented, in the next 15 force, followed by those condemning both the Viet from the Indian sub-con-namese and Soviet invasions Five years after the gotinent and other ASEAN in different parts of the shead the new international

Singapore's success has been largely clear-cut economic which brook little criticism, and changing econo-

Citizens who were born immediately after the significance to Singapore.

Second World War and who The island knows that attended schools modelled partly on British lines have found the changes over the past 10 to 15 years often irksome. Others have irksome. Others have adopted an approach almost of indifference, accepting that new social disciplines their best commercial in-terests. They grudgingly

Last year's economic performance was especially revealing. The gdp rose 9.3 per cent, an increase second per capita annual income just over \$US2,500 by the end of 1981.

Against this background economic improvement ship, the Government, and especially those leaders likely to step down, have begun to look back and take stock of their achievement. education

of The campaign to teach cost of some \$1,500m, will begin operations by June Chinese communities who next year. It represents the used different dialects could largest project ever underuse a common tougue, is taken by the Singapore Pubalso aimed at a clear line of lic Works Department and communication with China. has led the authorities to The economic opportunities assert that, given the large in China are of considerable local element involved in

The island knows that ject, Singapore has finally compatition from its ASEAN achieved a transfer of highneighbours is growing level Malaysia and Indonesia are cherished goal Moving into middle-level

and unless the youth can be passenger only to Hongkong in Asia, given a now sense of purthrough expected, and the Govern-Greater productivity will pose the people of Singament has already made it transform Singapore from a pore in the next century eight mi clear that the onus of car- developing country to a may find their role reduced ing for the aged lies with developed one, with a real to that of the middle man—their children: The prospect per capita annual income rather than innovators of critical and specialized services for an area of outstand-

ng potential. While being prodded and poreans may have to settle for being citizens of the 17 million passengers each world rather than continue year, a target which might the search for an elusive become a reality before the

Big new airport to open next year

the projects becoming opera is half as much and trong, and another being There have be

shead the new international has been taken. The rate of airport at Changi, built at a Pava Lebar airport remains various proposals the development of the pro-

cations recently introduced in Parliament a Bill which will enable the Government technology—a enjoying unprecedented About a hundred profes to in high prices for their com- sionals from the Public Rapid to implement the Mass modities and mineral Works Department were (MRT) which has been on least resources. The advantage that Singapore held in the beginning of the 1970s has been eroded, and the island labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first Wi now needs new markets for many of whom were restage of development could and multi-million pound pro-its products and services. cruited from Malaysia. When he completed about five jects in the offing, scant pub-Moving into middle-level Changi airport receives its years after a policy decision licity is given to Singapore's technology is proving more first passengers, tentatively has been taken. It is pre-eminence as an inter- The implement difficult than was expected, in May next year, annual believed that Government national port, considered several other training

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bunkers while their neighbours, Singa- which will enable the airport to handle as many as year, a target which might

> end of this decade. Several Japanese panies were attiong a spritkling of foreign companies which secured lucrative con-tracts ranging from \$30m to \$40m. Singapore Airlines (SIA), the flag carrier, will about a third of the cost involved in the Changi development Singapore Airlines' project management unit, which includes representatives of vices, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIA, has a staff of some 10 persons involved in the project. The \$190m engineering base, which will provide support services not only for SIA's airlines using Singapore and the new airport, forms the largest element of SIA's financial involvement in Changi.

Another key programme financed by SIA will be the new cargo terminal built to cope with increased airborne cargo which has grown some 30 per cent each year over the past five years. The new cargo ter-minal at Changi is to be a modular design. Four modules have been planned so far and two of them are being built at an initial cost of about \$70m. The modules of the terminal will each incorporate a warehouse measuring 168 metres by 66 metres, and also a five-storey administrative block. The rotal floor area of each module will be 20,000 sq metres, of which 11,000 sq metres will be warehousing area.

A \$40m in-flight catering centre to meet Singapore Airlines' requirements for 30,000 meals a day by 1986, and 50,000 meals a day by the end of the decade, is also

A pan-island expressway, which will link Changi to the city, is expected to be

Concorde at Singapore airport, through which millions of passengers pass

Communications, saturation

develop a port in an area this ratio drops to sue in adjacent to the new airport but so far no firm decision A Mass Rapid Transport uncertain. There is speculathe end of this decade. tion that it will be used for general aviation services or together with more punitive alternatively, be acquired by measures, could well be the decade. According the Armed Porces for use only answer to keeping the PSA the amount a strike base. The traffic moving. Ministry of Communications is believed to be considering

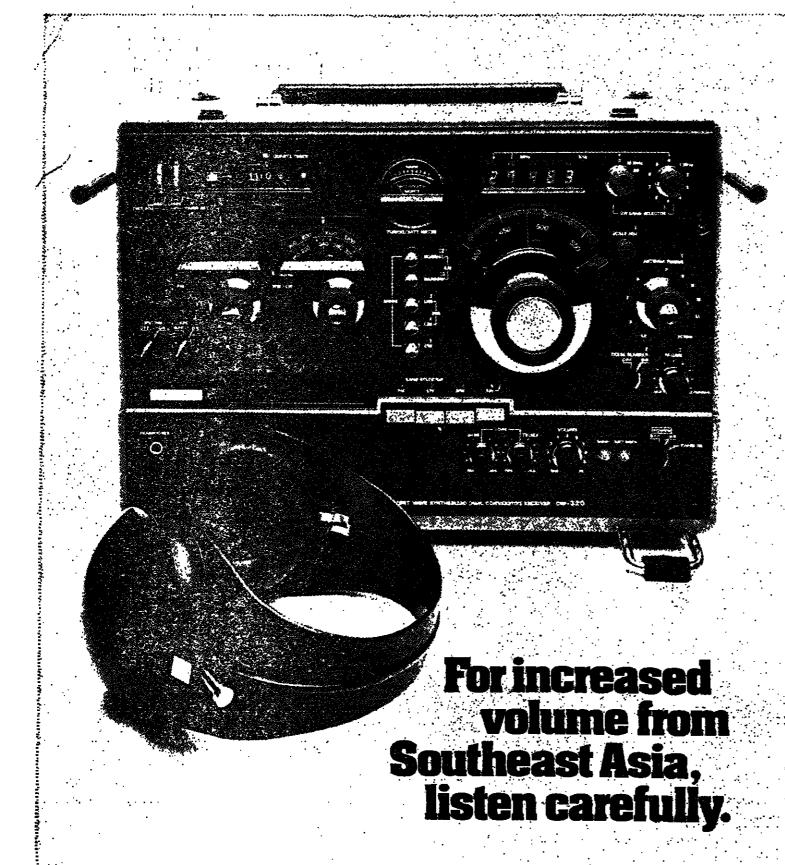
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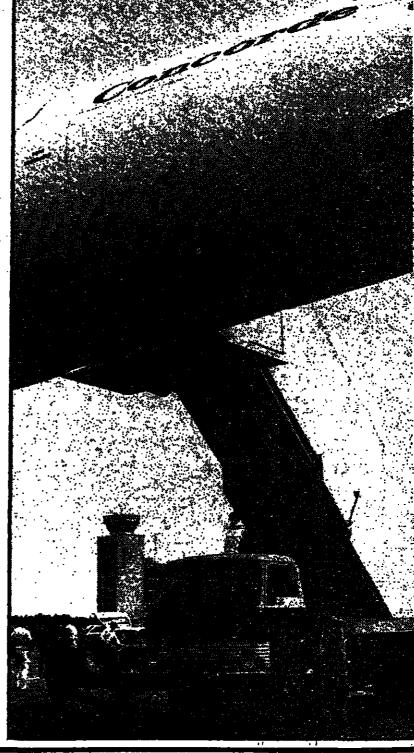
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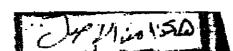
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Carter has invited both Sadar and Mr Begin im in Washington next t, contrary to the first eparately, not together. t to be a repeat of the id conference.

probably just as well, difficult to see how 'amp David conference ge could help the situaie Middle East. In the an election year, Presiter would inevitably, immediate impact on public opinion upper-is mind. It would be tim that the conference succeed" in the sense ing an agreement irresof that agreement's entent and longer-term ns. He would therefore it pressure on both make concessions, and of them refused to cessions would have to red for a public conwith the United States ent. But when faced kind of pressure the es are not on an equal

t be thought that Israel nore vulnerable, since s no visible alternative an support, in weapons sh, whereas Egypt can, at least, always revert an-Arab allegiance and t alignment. In the long may be correct, though a complete withdrawal can support from Israel lifficult to imagine. In

should be concerned about the possibility of permanently alienating the United States, all om Tel Aviv, they will Israeli leaders, and indeed Israeli public opinion, are used to the idea that American pressure has from time to time to be resisted. Assured of the support of a powerful body of opinion within the United States, Israel is most unlikely to make significant concessions to pressure from an American President without first appealing over his head to Congress and the electorate. In an election year especially, an Israeli leader would embark on any such battle with considerable self-confidence.

President Sadat, by contrast, has no ready-made American constituency to which he can appeal against presidential pres-sure. His American strategy is based essentially on a close relationship with the President, and accessorily on the presentation of himself to the American public in such a way as to give the President some room for manceuvre, some hope of winning a battle with the supporters of Israel should he need, in Egypt's interest, to embark on one. President Sadat may occasionally allow his newspaper editors to criticize Mr Carter as he did after the latter's public disavowel of his delegate's vote in the Security Council. But it is very hard to imagine him coming back from a summit in the United States to tell the Egyptians that Mr Carter had let him down, or had tried to impose on him an unacceptable solution. t term, the reverse is Such a statement would amount

true. While any Israeli leader to an admission that his whole strategy had failed. It would leave him without allies except those whom he has reviled and spurned-the Russians and the Arabs-and who would hardly take him back now except on the most humiliating terms.

The chances are, meretore, that a new Camp David now would end either in a damaging breach between America and Egypt or, more likely, in acceptance by Mr Sadat, under intense pressure from Mr Carrer, of an only slightly modified version of Mr Begin's autonomy plan. This would be presented as a major achievement and might perhaps belp Mr Carter to secure re-election. But it would be unlikely to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East, since it would have little chance of attracting Palestinian or wider Arab support. Peace between Israel and Egypt could be and was achieved by metaphorically banging the heads of the two countries' leaders together. Peace with the Palestinians and other Arabs cannot be achieved by banging an Egyptian head.

President Carter must know this, and it is therefore to be hoped he will have the sense not to try and stage a repeat of Camp David during the election cam-paign. What is needed now is not agreement between Israel and Egypt for its own sake but a formula for Palestinian autonomy sufficiently generous and openended for moderate Palestinians to feel it worth involving themselves in it and moderate Arab governments to feel it worth sup-

NS OF MONETARY CONTROL

of the money supply is he centre of economic is therefore important techniques used for ig it should be as effecpossible. The Governeen paper on the use of ry base system for conhe growth of the money · takes a good case for a about the advantages dly changing the preem of monetary control. aper deals with three and avoids a fourth ought to have included. at what measure of ight to be used, the role st rates in making contive, and the scope for thinical adjustments in:

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ing whether governn meet its monetary n the short term, which one in that borrowing because broblems. These, imputes a wanting to one auses problems. These, imputes should have should d.

The paper is, however, sound on those issues which it does discuss. In recent months there has been a growing debate about whether we should change to what is described as a "monetary base " system. The technical differences between such a system and the one currently tary base system.

used are complex; the issues are straightforward. All of the proposals for use of a monetary base essentially imply that the authorities should give up attempts to administer short term movements in interest rates and should switch to a system where movements occur automatically whenever monetary growth gets out of line with the government's The advantage claimed for that

system is that it would allow and more certain correction of the growth in money supply, thus leading to a roked little response. achievements over the short mission is serious for term, it is also claimed that the response the link be government would be more likely to achieve its longer term. targets. The problem is that there is no knowing that any of the systems on offer would in fact. crucial importance in lead to a smoother growth in the money supply. Changes in interest rates do in time lead to changes in bank lending and thus ipe of the present paper, in the money supply. But time allure of sales of Governis just what is wanting if im-

on monetary growth and large changes would involve more shocks to the financial system than could be justified by the limited gains to be achieved. The Government is thus right to be sceptical about the case for making a change towards a mone-

The authorities are also right to have decided to stay with the current measure of money supply, sterling M3, when deciding which particular yardstick to use in setting their targets. There are two temptations. One is to set a multiplicity of targets and try to achieve them all, with the risk of achieving none. The other is to become obsessed with the search for a perfect definition of money. All measures of the total money supply are imperfect, but the imperfections are not on a scale to invalidate their use.

stolished in the Bank of smoother path of monetary. The right policy for the Courte land Bulletin in growth Since medium term per Government to pursue is to year which seems to formance is just the sum of choose one measure of the choose one measure of the money supply and to make sure that it achieves its targets for that measure. But in doing this it must avoid trying to distort the statistics in its favour. That is exactly what the spread of controls such as Supplementary Special Deposits ("the corset") have done. It is a welcome sign of awareness of the danger of these measures that this is to be abolished, and that the reserve assets ration, which is ineffective as a check on the soundness of banks and which

Small changes in interest rates ought to have no part in monetary will have little immediate effect control, is also to go. have been

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Executive Committee mber, 1975, where Lord ll was still the party's agent; but to this day. has firmly refused to it. There could be no tion for such secrety, the report contained to childran of vague. hush it up. Either way, rt needed to be published

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EVIDENCE THEY CHOSE TO IGNORE reading about the degree of pene--tration that the Militant Tendency has been seeking at local level, that it had already largely taken over the party. But there is air important sense in which the purposes and the nature of the activities of any fringe group are relevant to its relationship to the Labour Party.

The party's constitution stipulates that people are not eligible for, membership if they also belong to political organizations having their own programms, principles and policy for distinc-tive and separate propaganda, or appropriate that set it is the and separate propaganda, or that everyone should passessing branches in the contribution that it would be stituencies. "It does not go it the NEC had no cause on to specify that for an action upon it. If, on the constituencies that for an it included allegations to be proscribed its it included allegations to be proscribed its trance then it was both fully penetrated the party or its rand imprudent for the branches must have taken over numerous constituencies. It is the numerous constituencies. It is the activity that counts not the degree of its success, and the activities described in the Underhill report suggest that the Militant Tendency ought to be proscribed if the NEC is taking the party constitution

If that is the case, as some reported comments indicate, the NEC has an obligation both to the party and to the public to specify its reasons for rejecting the document. The report alleges. with supporting evidence, that the Militant Tendency is a national political organization with its own policy, its own headquarters and printing shop, and its own full-time staff and

area organizations. If such activities are allowed to raceed unchecked then the Militant Tendency may indeed infiltrate the party to the extent that it is seeking to do. In which case the Labour Parry would cease to be an acceptable instru-ment of government. This trend can be countered in two ways. The first is through the NEC. The list of proscribed organizations, which it scrapped in 1973, needs to be reopened for the sake of preserving democracy within the party. But there should also be a deliberate effort to broaden the base of the party at local level. It is when constituency parties are very small that they can easily be taken over by an unrepresentative, extremist

y patriotic?

Manus Nunan, QC ve served in British services d in British territories all king life since graduating inity College, Dublin, I vote r in both Irish and British i. I am a British Irishman. are anyone call me an

rithfully. NUNAN, iambers, r Street,

rates in the United States will force the minimum lending rate above its present 17 per cent.
This would in turn force the

seriously—unless it does not

accept the accuracy of the evidence presented to it by its

mortgage interest rate above its present record 15 per cent.
Shelter is already helping families in severe financial difficulty because of the record mortgage rate. Some of these families have defaulted on on their mortgages, had their homes repossessed and found themselves homeless. Many more have now stretched their resources to the limit.

A further increase in the mortgage rate would breek many fami-hies already in financial difficulties. ines aiready in timancial difficulties.

It would also fly in the face of the Conservative election manifesto commitment to reduce the mortgage rate. The manifesto said, when the mortgage rate was only 114 per cent: "The prospect of very high

mortgage interest rates deters some people from buying their homes and the reality can cause acute difficulties to those who have done so. Mortgage rates have risen steeply because of the Government's financial mismanagement. Our plans for cutting government spending and bor-

clique.

rowing will lower them".

It is not Shelter's role to suggest economic policies to the Government. However, we would like to make it absolutely clear that another increase in the mortgage rate would not only break the Conservative's election manifesto pledge but also be a disaster for thousands of homebuyers.

Yours faithfully, NEIL McINTOSH, Director, 157 Waterloo Road, SEI. March 19.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peril of nuclear warfare

From Mr Martin Russell

Sir, I read with interest the very logical letter from Professor Farmer (March 15). But his argument is viriated by the two curious sentences: "While we have nuclear weapons on our soil we will be a target for nuclear attack. Without these, whatever else may happen. there will be no incentive to an enemy to attack with nuclear weapons if only because he would have a useless devastated land to

take over". Professor Farmer has forgotten the experience of Japan. As the Japanese had no nuclear weapons, the United States was able to procure a quick surrender by dropping only two nuclear bombs, and that was only for the purpose of demonstrating the existence of such weapons of war. If the United King-dom had no nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union could do the same to us and probably without dropping any bombs on us at all. The mere threat would secure capitulation.

Professor Farmer believes in resisting non-violently "any power that would seek to destroy or con-quer us". I am not aware that nonviolent resistance has ever been tried successfully, except in Iudia where it was already the intention of successive British Governments to effect a gradual transfer of power.

Passive resistance has not been noticeable in Latria, Lithuania, Estonia, East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, despite the sufferings, deorivations and humiliations which the Soviet Union has inflicted on those countries. The reason for this is that all serious opposition is "liquidated".

Sir, the major deterrent to the Russians from doing to us what they have done to the countries of Eastern Europe is our nuclear deterrent, which makes any invasion of the United Kingdom by Russia a most improbable gamble for them. l am, sir, your obedient servant, MARTIN RUSSELL, 62 Eaton Place, SW1.

March 17. From Mr C. C. Turpin Sir. Mr Francis Pym, addressing an audience in Cambridge on March 15, said of the cruise missiles which it is proposed to station in Britain,
"These weapons exist not to be

It is by obfuscations such as this that the British public is induced to submit to the risk of nuclear war. Will the Secretary of State for Defence give us the assurance that these weapons will in no circumstances be used **? Obviously not: nuclear weapons are undoubtedly intended to be used in certain cir-cumstances. Unhappily the events which might precipitate their use and its catastrophic aftermath are far from being under our control.

Lord Belstead, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, also offers words of comfort. He predicts (The Times, March 17) that 15 million Britons would survive an all-out nuclear strike, and twice as many if we shall have bought and studied the Government's new handbook. This is, at best, another dangerous half-truth, for what will survival mean? As the survivors emerge shocked and deep bunkers and makeshift shelwhat will they see, as they stumble upon the blackened earth and breath the poisoned air? What then will be their heritage and their hope, in bitter struggle among ruined tities and devastated fields for contaminated for for contaminated food and water 2 As society disintegrates into bandimy or is marshalled into the forms of an iron tyranny, will people rejoice that their nuclear weapons have done their work, and saved the. West from Russia dominion? Yours faithfully,

C. C. TURPIN. Clare College, Cambridge. March 18.

Counting the House

From Mr Peter Morrison, MP for the City of Chester (Conservative) Sir. Today's leader (March 19) entitled "Mrs Thatcher's Dissidents" is incorrect in one small but important way. You state that those who supported the Prime Minister's stand on the Moscow Olympics numhered slightly under half the whole House. In fact, the reverse is the case: 315 MPs voted for the motion and to them must be added two Tellers, making 317 in all. As your readers will know the Speaker and three Deputy Speakers do not vote and on Monday, Teddy Taylor had not taken his sear; so that the total number who were able to vote added up to 630 (635 less five). Hence 317 is just more than half.

Of course, if one were to take account of delegations abroad and Members who were sick on the night, the figure could have been substantially higher. The majority for the Government motion was 168. the largest majority on a vote of any importance in this Parliament-Yours faithfully.

PETER MORRISON, House of Commons. March 19.

Everest high-fliers

From Professor Charles Gibbs-Smith Sir. As a tail-piece to your letter about the choughs in the Everest area, may I remind your readers that these remarkable birds may be seen at any time in the Birnese Oberland, especially on the Jungfraujoch, on the Brienzerrothorn, and at Mürren.

On the Joch (11,340ft) one can have wonderful close up views of these birds, with their bright yellow beaks, and huge fully-spread tails, as they wheel endlessly over the snow: their Swiss name is bergdohlen, and owing to their scaveng-ing habits are not popular with hoteliers; but they are among the finest and most versatile guiders in nature, although one seldom sees their tests mentioned in guide

Yours faithfully, CHARLES H. GIBBS-SMITH, St Augustine's Vicarage, 117 Queens Gate, SW7.

March 19.

BBC programme on Welsh arsonists

From Mr Eric Wyn Roberts Sir, Much of Mr Keith Best's letter (March 19) is quite unexceptionable but it leaves the real issues involved unstated.

He refers to "a group of hooligans in a pub", his use of the spmewhat loaded word "hooligans" being. I suspect, for effect. In fact I doubt whether the young people in question send their leigness hours. in question spend their leisure hours at fire-raising, nor are they likely to do so. The significance of their posturing is that this is a symptom of the feelings of resentment and dissatisfaction so widely felt in Wales today.

An entire culture today finds itself in a siege situation and to many the Westminster government seem; to be, at the least, insensitive to the situation. The Conservative government's deliberate abandonment of its manifesto promises on the future of TV broadcasting in Wales, its failure to see that whilst its raw monetarism may spell salvation for one region it will mean widespread misery for another, its cynical withdrawal of special development area status for Caernarfon and Merioneth who had the temerity and Merioneth who had the temerry to return Plaid Cymru members while Anglesey retained its status for returning Mr Best are but a few items in the catalogue of acts and attitudes which are all seen to be weakening the already desperate state of the Welsh nation.

These resentments are felt not only by activists but by normally moderate law-abiding citizens. Our children receive a daily ration of English (or American) TV proof English for American IV pro-grammes and it is perhaps ironic that they see the exoloits of that revered English folk-hero Robin Hood. He is apparently to be admired for indulging in "terrorist" activities in defence of a culture under stack from the wicked Norman. Let us hope that such a provocative TV programme does not drive the youth of Wales boownessng sdt cini Yours faithfully, ERIC WYN ROBERTS,

From Mr Leo Abse, MP for Pontypool (Labour) Sir. What, asks the Chairman of the

Tros y Bont. Four Mile Bridge,

Holyhead,

Gwynedd.

March 14.

BBC (March 15), with an assumed ingenuousness, is the fuss about? Declared arsonists and recently released ex-criminals have had a full opportunity, without challenge, and without any contrary expression of opinion, to present their incire-ments on a national programme. The police have insisted the appearance of an officer on the programme was without their knowledge and bordered on deceit; that the comments the officer made was for another programme and irrespon sibly torn out of context; and that the programme "has put back the programme "has put back enquiries weeks if not months". The minister of religion appearing in the programme has stated he was horrified" that his recorded condemnation of the fire raisers had been deliberately expunsed.

The Director of BBC News has reluctantly, admitted under my questioning in a subsequent programme that the police were not informed of the BBC's filming of

be disadvantaged by the sequence which the Chairman describes as "simply a silent shot", the document in Welsh he was shown to have handed over to the BBC was obligingly translated and its criminal objectives spelt out uncritically to viewers. Would it, in the light of these facts, help the Chairman of the BBC to understand why Wales is in such a "fuss" if I put to him these questions :-Does the BBC feel it has any less obligation than a private citizen to inform the police immediately of

after the interview, whilst another BBC spokesman has said expenses

were handed over to the unidenti-fied arsonist for travelling to Car-diff for the interview. The

diff for the interview. The programme, which it is proudly claimed by the BBC has a large viewing audience of youngsters, lingered long and hard on badges

displayed by ruffians bearing the literally inflammatory legend "Strike a match for Wales": and

to ensure the arsonist should not

any information it possesses which could lead to the arrest of rampaging arsonists? Does it regard itself as free to

collude with fire raisers and pay them public money for travelling towards the financing of the next campaign? Does it now accept the Chief

Constable of North Wales' assertion that the BBC's intervention has given the arsonists weeks if not months to continue with their activities?

Why was no alternative condemnatory view to the fire raisers presented on the programme, and why, since both a Plaid Cymru MP and myself had agreed to participate in a programme on the moti-ration of the arsonists, was neither of us invited to the studio?

And since the publicising of the burning of isolated cottages is, for the purpose of the fire raisers, more important than the arson itself, why did not the BBC recognize it was essential that in no circumstances should a programme be so unbalanced that it could be believed by viewers that the overwhelming majority silently condones this majurity stiently conducts this interpresentative rang? And did the BBC, in the public interest, even consider the consequences, as a result of such an unbalanced and unchallenged zenophobic display, upon our tourist trade and our attempts to attract industrialists into our hard pressed Principality?

Those of us who are as jealous as the Chairman that the BBC retains its independence free from outside political pressure are dismayed at its readiness to provide, by a programme of this character, so much ammunition to its critics. Yours sincerely. LEO ABSE.

House of Commons. March 17.

From Mr Hugh Williams

Sir, Thank you for your thoughtful leader on arsonists (March 20), but I wish to correct one matter of fact: no information was given in the Nationwide report which we had been asked by the police to with-

HUGH WILLIAMS. Editor. BBC. TV " Nationwide ", Lime Grove Studios, W12. March 20.

Aid for Zimbabwe

From Lord Lovell-Davis Sir. Your editorial today (March

18) highlights one of the current dilemmas of the British aid pro-gramme. Admittedly, the task of reconstruction awaiting us in Zim-babwe is beyond the capacity of Britain alone; but to relate this to our inability to provide all the money and the goods to which it is intended to be tied is to abet failacy which has already misinformed much recent discussion of

The income and employment effect of tied export; is only one. of the benefits of an active over-seas development policy. Of equal importance for a nation living largely by trade is oversess invest-ment. Not only coes this bring benefits for the balance of pay-ments through a regular flow of ruturns in excess of the capital invested. It also setures and expands overseas markets for the investor through a long-term off-take of components and services.

Recent studies in Sweden, Gernany, the Netherlands and the United States have confirmed that there is a range of benefits accruing from foreign investment. The Treasury itself has subscribed

to this view and added for good measure that at least three-quarters of such investment in no way competes with domestic investment. It must therefore be seen as an important dimension in the imperative process of investing long term Britain from North Sea oil.

The private sector needs en-

couragement in this area and institutions like the Commonwealth Development Corporation here and in the rest of Europe exist for this purpose. Alone or together with some of Britain's commercial expertise in tropical agriculture, they can assist with the revival not only of industry and mining but the far more important one of commercial agriculture.

All this would be neither infla-tionary nor "underwriting Zim-babwe's budgetary deficit;" with our own. It would be securing their future and ours: Or, as the Minister for Overseas Development expressed ir on February 20, "Much can be done with our aid programme which is to the mutual advantage of the developing countries and ourselves". Yours faithfully,

OVELL-DAVIS. House of Lords.

Transport in London

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative) and Mr Peter Bottomley. MP for Greenwich, Woolwich West (Conservative) ----Sir. The headline you have consistently given to the present correspondence apitomises all that is wrong with this debate: with the best will in the world "Transport (policy) in London" is not just buses and tubes and trains.

Two thirds of Londoners' personal mileage is now undertaken by private car or motorbicycle. Every day 7 million journeys are made by car drivers and passengers in the GLC area gione. Particularly in the miter boroughs, private transport is far and away the most popular way-for people to get to work.

Practically all of London's goods are moved around by road, the equivalent of nearly 100 tons each year for every household in the capital. As the 1973-77 GLC administration concluded, the amount that can be satisfactorily transferred to other modes is

minimal. London's economy is dependent upon efficient road transport. If public transport in London is, as the Chairman of London Transport claims (March 13), started of funds in comparison with other cities, how much more so can that argument be used in relation to the basic infrastructure which road vehicles use.

During the 1970s the national road improvement programme. was allowed to decline to a shadow of its former self: work in progress is now at one third of the level of 10 years ago. As a result many vitally

March 18. important schemes have been postponed for a decade or more. Nowhere has this failure to invest in better roads been more obvious-than in London—and we are paying the price in the cost of continuing congestion throughout the working day, in retaining unsuitable traffic on local residential and shopping

streets, and in an unacceptably high

level of road accidents. London alone of major Western European cities now has neither an outer nor inner by-pass. although its outer by-pass (the M25) is very slowly being completed, many years hate. But replacements for collec-tions of signposts like the South Circular are not yet even on the drawing boards of the transport planners.

In the past, there has been a tendency for some to make shortterm political capital out of the potential disruption road schemes could cause to an area. Major schemes were scrapped with little thought of the long term problems that would be caused.

We believe that we have now reached a rather more balanced stage, whereby the undoubted benefits road amprovements give can better be measured against the aggravations they cause. Last year an Early Day Motion in the Commons urging a better road network for our capital received tremendous support from both major parties. There is no doubt that Greater London needs a better main road network, and it needs it somer

rather than later. Yours faithfully. CYRIL D. TOWNSEND. PETER BOTTOMLEY, House of Commons.

The added value of solidarity the declared arsonist until 14 hours

From Mr C. B. Q. Nicholls Sir, I am glad to see that Mrs Shatcher is proposing to withhold part of Britain's VAT contribution to the EEC. I trust the Customs and Excise will allow me to withhold hold part of my VAT contribution to Britain as a gesture of solidarity. Yours, etc.

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BENJAMIN NICHOLLS, 1 Fountain Court. Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, 4.

Cuts in BBC music

From Mr Yehudi Monuhin Sir, Points concerning the value of retaining the BBC Scottish Sym-phony Orchestra have been made in your columns by my most emi-nent colleagues, and I should like to endorse them all. I am in the United States at present, and am unable therefore to judge the overall situation as accurately as I would like, but I offer the following for consideration in the hope that it may make a positive contribution towards saving regional music in

Great Britain. I would suggest firstly that the BBC and its threatened musicians come together to try to work out a difficulties, and secondly, would it be out of place to suggest that the Musicians' Union contributes, say, one half of the royalties paid on recorded music towards an equiva-lent amount to prevent the sacrifice of the orchestras? At the same time the musicians would receive an assurance of prolonged security of employment, with no pressure on them to have recourse to mese funds for support during a strike. Because of my absence from Britain I have no way of knowing whether these monies are automatically paid to the musicians or reserved for emergencies, in which case my suggestion may be totally invalid due to my own ignorance. Yours faithfully. YEHUDI MENUHIN, John F. Kennedy Centre,

Assisted places scheme From the High Master of the Manchester Grammar School

Washington DC.

March 18.

Sir, I am reluctant to challenge the Bishop of Manchester (March 13) but, since we both share an interest in the same city. I suggest that he seems to be taking too rigid a line. He affirms, and I agree, that it is the responsibility of Government " to improve the state schools where the vast major ty of our children are educated especially in areas with special difficulties". No matter how sensitive one is to these special difficulties, it cannot be denied that there is a limited number of child-ren in this city whose academic gifts for, say mathematics or modern languages are not being fully developed.

The Bishop believes that to assist these children to attend the independent schools equipped to cope with them would prejudice the improvement of secondary education in general. For the sake of the system, therefore, he would sacrifice not only the needs of these child-ren but of a country which is desperately short of graduates in mathematics and modern languages. This is not a ploy to seek benefits for this school, which has already raised funds sufficient to endow over 35 new bursaries each year for boys of ability whose parents cannot afford the fees: it is a plea that other children similarly placed may be similarly assisted.

Finally if, as the Bishon claims. is socially divisive to help these children from poorer homes, not equally divisive deliberately to deny them access to schools like this? . .

Yours faithfully. D. MALAND. Manchester Grammar School, Manchester. March 13.

Slaughter of dolphins From Mr A. K. del Strother

Sir, Which is the worse, to kill dolptions in the belief that they are ruining one's livelihood or to kill fish by towing them about on a sharp barbed hook for as long as there are prepared to suffer 2 1 and they are th they are prepared to suffer? I am toinking of the marlin, that worderful ornament of the wide Southern ocean, uneatable and whose only enemy is man, of the shark, the salmon, even the humble grayling. Or, instead of killing, to inflict the fate of the "coarse" fish, catching and keeping and eventual return with the probability of physical damage and reduced defence against disease and predators?

A fish is a fish, and a dolphin is an animal which looks like a fish, so perhaps that makes the difference. The simple Japanese fishermen must wonder at the worldwide publicity given to their efforts to protect their livelihood. I do not wonder, but, as almost constantly in this muddled world, I am confused. Yours faithfully,

A. K. del STROTHER, 87 Rydens Road, Walton-on-Thames, March 9.

A useful tip

From H. Andrew Freeth, RA Sir, Your correspondent Norman Foster (March 15) is premature in saying that "the quill, alas, is no more". I am sure I am not the only artist who uses the quill (and, like Rembrandt, also the reed) for drawing.

There is no modern pen so flexible and so responsive. I have, indeed, an antique penknife or quill cutter which cuts the shape of the pen, also cuts its fine slit and guil-lotines it if necessary.

Yours faithfully, H. ANDREW FREETH, 37 Eastbury Road, Northwood, Middlesez. March 17.



COURT CIRCULAR

March 20: The Duke of Edin-burgh visited HMS Royal Arthur (Captain, Commander M. D. Size-land, RN) at Corsham today and was received upon arrival by Her

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant fo Wiltshire (the Lord Margadale). His Royal Highness, attended by Wing Commander Antony Nicholson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron, this evening at Bucking-ham Palace received the Secretary nam raiace received the Secretary of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs (Mr A. Gibbs) and the Secretary-designate (Mr R. Edwards) and afterwards visited Boys' Clubs in Rotherhithe and Southwark.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Weish Guards, this morning at Buckingham Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. L. Guthrie upon his relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Rickett

His Royal Highness. President, The Friends of Covent Garden, attended a Chairman's Committee Meeting at Stamford House, Stam-ford Street, SE1. Captain Anthony Asquith was in

Britain's

'earliest'

piano sells

for £3,200

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The earliest recorded piano

sale at Sotheby's yesterday from the collection of John

Boardwood and Sons and was

sold for £3,200 (estimate

£2,500 to £3,500) to the Wuert-

tembergisches Landesmuseum.

It is an enharmonic square

plano made by Johannes Zumpe in 1766. The top price in the sale was £18,500 (esti-

mate £7,000 to £8,000), paid by R. Riley for a ravishingly pretty planoforte made by

William Southwell, of Dublin, around 1785: it has a hinged, semi-elliptical lid and is finely

The other historically significant instrument was John Isaac Hawkins's "portable grand planoforte"; it dates from after 1303

and is claimed as the earliest known upright piano. The case is

an attractive, ormolu-mounted Empire design, complete with spinioxes; the price was £7.400 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000) and the buyer R. Riley.

made £195,829, with 6 per cent un-

At Christie's South Kensington a sale of nineteenth and twentieth-century photographs included an aliquin of 122 photographs of the

Russian royal family, malnly at military or naval reviews, dating from 1905-09, which realized 53,200 (estimate 500 to 5500). The sale totaltid £63,000, with 8 per

Christie's South Kensington

had another unusual offering

in the Donnelly collection of

oriental weapons and ethno-

graphics, which made £7,232.

Every lot in the sale found a

buver and the result was more

than 50 per cent above expec-

Sotheby's sale of English and

foreign silver made £138,088 with eight per cent unsold; Christie's fine English furniture totalied £133,985, with 5 per cent unsold. American and

European twentieth-century art in Los Angeles on Tuesday made £155,205, with 3 per cent

Today's engagements

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The Queen, accompanied by the Deke of Edisburgh, opens new phosphoric acid complex at Albright and Wilson's Marchon works, Whiteliaven, 10,25; later visits Carnegle Arts Centre, Workington, 2.10.

The Prince of Wales visits animal research establishment, Blythbank Farm, Blythe Bridge, Tweeddale, 9.45; visits textile mild, Innerfeithen, Tweeddale.

mill, Innerleithen, Tweeddale, 2; visits Exacta Circuits Ltd, Selkirk, Borders, 3.

The Duchess of Kent attends com-missioning ceremony of HMS Brecon, HMS Vernon, Ports-

Exhibitions: Home video show, Cunard International Hotel, Hammersmith, 10.30-8.30, The Vikings, British Museum, 10-5.

Fashion Show: 200 years of French Fashion, Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, Edin-hurgh, 11 & 7.

Craft and Country Fair, textiles.

Street, 11.

Lunchtime music: Chamber Concert directed by Yona Ettlinger, Guildhall School of Music, 1.10.

Singers Workshop, St Mary Woolnoth, 1.10. The British Museum Choral Society, Holy Sepulchre, 1.15. Plano recital by Marta Felcman, St Martinwithin-Ludgate, 1.15.

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made in Britain was offered for

The Prince of Wales, President, The Royal Naval Equestrian Assoriation, this evening attended a Reception at the Headquarters of the Royal Warrant Holders Asso-ciation. 7. Buckingham Gate. SW1. Mr Oliver Everett was in atten-

Mr Oliver Everett was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, with Captain Mark Phillips, this evening presented the annual British Academy Film and Television Awards at the Conference Centre. Wembley.

Mrs Andrew Feilden and Major Nicholas Lawson were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
March 20: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother was present this
evening a: a Reception given at
St James's Palace by St John
Ambulance to mark "The Year
of Nursing"

of Nursing". The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attend-

The Duke of Edinburgh has appointed Major J. M. V. M. Cargin, aged 36, Royal Irish Rengers. 1. be his Equery in place of Wing Commander A. A. Nicholson. FAR, who relinquishes the appointment in the autumn. The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior, will attend a luncheon at the Hilton hotel, London, given by The Order of St. John on Tuesday.

Birthdays today

Luncheons

Lord Barnetson, 63: Mr Peter Brook, 55; the Rev Sir Reginald Champion, 35; Sir George Fret-well, 80; Mr Antony Hopkins, 59; Sia, Natura University SA. Sir Arthur Hutchinson, 84; Pro-fessor Sir Joseph Hutchinson, 78; Sir Victor Shepbeard, 87; General Sir Frank Simpson, 81; Sir Blan-shard Stamp, 75; Sir Stanley Tom-linson, 68.

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs, was host at a luncheon at
1 Carlton Gardens held yesterday in honour of Mr K. AntwiNimoh, Deputy Minister of the
Interior of Ghana

Conservative Northern Ireland Committee Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP, pre-

sided at a luncheon held in honour

of Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland Governor of the BBC yesterday.

The Master, Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, RNR,

presided at a luncheon given by the Company of Master Mariners on board HOS Wellington, Vic-toria Embankment, yesterday. The official guests included Mr

Frank Webster, who replied to the toast of the guests, and the Prime Warden of the Dyers'

Society of Company and Commer-

cial Accountants Sir Campbell Adamson, chairman,

Abbey National Building Society, was the guest speaker at a luncheon given at the Dyers' Hall, Dowgate Hill, London. EC4, yesterday by Mr J. K. Poole, President of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants.

and Commercial Accountants.
Other guests were:

Mr G. G. F. Alderson. Mr R. H.
Fisher. Mr F. H. Freman. Mr A. C.
Hance. Mr W. H. Hayden. Mr F. C.
James Mr D. H. Kuthain. Mr D. S.
McCall. Mr J. F. Martin. Mr F. C.
J. H. F. Myre. Mr P. W. Sherman. Mr J.
R. A. Turnbull and the Bishon of
Edmoniton. Representing the society
with the president were: Mr L. C.
Lewis. immediate p31 president. And
Mr J. H. Tresman, executive director.

Guinean Goodwill Mission The Guinean Goodwill Mission were entertained at dinner by Mr

Jack Valmadoma Lunzer at Pairport, Turner Drive, last night.
Among those present were:
M. Mamady Kaba. Minister of industry, Gainea: M. Boubucar Diallo, Minister of Solice of Guidana Somport Maria Maria Commonssioner: Mr. J. R. Johnson i Foreign and Commonsealth Office).

Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
Mr and Mrs N.N. Khanna Indian
High Compission: Lord and Lady
High Coff Dashy, Mr C. W. Squire
HM Ambassador to Guines; and Mrs
Leslie Palener.

The monthly dinner of The

The monthly dinner of The Anchorites was held last night at the Cafe Royal. Mr Antony M. Preston presided and the Principal guest was Mr Basil Greenhill, director of the National Maritime

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national arts day

A campaign for a National Arts Day on April 23, which is the anniversary of both Shakespeare's and Joseph Turner's births, has been launched among politicians, actors, artists and sportsmen by the Turner Society.

the Turner Society.

The society has sent out some 30 letters to people such as Mr Norman St John Stevas. Minister for the Arts, Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royal Academy, Glenda Jackson, the actress, and Henry Cooper, the boxer, asking for their support.

The aim of the day, which is also St George's Day, is to encourage the arts, remind the Government of its role in supporting them, and to stimulate artistic activity.

Mr Al Weil, secretary of the society, says: "There is great talent in this country, albeit latent, and the aim is to encourage

people to use it. Who better than Shakespeare and Turner have taught us that the arts, the finest

products of human imagination, are inspiring, ever adventurous and exciting for practitioners and spectators alike?"

The society has asked stores in Oxford Street and Regent Street, in the West End of London, if they will make windows or stands

available for exhibitions and pub-

Apart from art exhibitions, it is hoped there will be special plays and concerts, and other events, such as drama workshops.

Company.

Dinners

Anchorites

Company of Master Mariners

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. J. Buscombe and Miss P. J. O'Flynn

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Buscombe, of St Ausrins, Frensham, Surrey, and Peta, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. O'Flynn, of 122 Marsham Court, Westminster, SW1, and West Sussex.

Mr M. P. Coomer and Miss S. J. Jesty The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mrs E. M. Lambourn, of Kidlington, Oxford, and Sarah. daughter of Mrs D. Jesty, of Dorchester, Dorset-

Mr F. W. Edwards and Miss S. J. Robeson The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Edwards, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Sarah, cider daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Robeson, of Beare Green,

Mr M. D. Fish and Miss T. M. Bacchus

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr David Fish and of the late Mrs Margery Fish, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Taniya, only daughter of the late Mr Robert Bacchus and of Mrs Bacchus, of Slindon, Sussex.

and Miss P. A. Horne

Justices' Clerks' Society

The engagement is announced between Philip Aiden, son of Squadron Leader G. A. Hall, AFM, Squaron Leader G. A. Hall, APM, RAF (retd), and Mrs Hall, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, and Penelope Arme, elder daughter of Mr J. A. Horne, IP, and Mrs Horne, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

The president of the Justices' Clerks' Society. Mr Cliff Moiser, and members of the council gave a dinner at the Law Society's Hall last night. The guests included:

last mgnt. The guests included:
Lord Hallsham of Si Marylebone, Lord
Elwyn-Jones, Lord Denning, Mr
William Whitclaw, MP, Sir Ian Percival,
QC. MP. Sir Thomas Skyrme. Sir
Bryan Roberts, Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, Sir Wilfrid Bourne, Sir Brian
Cubbon, Mr Peter Taylor, QC! Main
Cubbon, Mr Peter Taylor, QC! Main
P. G. Clarke, Mr R. C. Slanger, Dr
Denis Gray, Mr J. C. Stebbings, Mr
J. L. Bowran, Mr Geoffrey Norman,
Mr G. G. Leatherby, Mr A. ForbesWatson and Mr A. J. Langdon.

The annual dinner of the London section of the Old Mancunians

Association was held at the Arts Club last night under the chairmanship of Mr Jack Leon. The chief guests and speakers were Judge Goldstone and the High Master of Manchester Grammar

At an election court of the Patten-

makers' Company held yesterday the following officers were elec-ted: Master: Colonel Sir Anthony Wharton, Upper Warden: Mr E. Astaire, and Renter Warden: Mr

Astaire, and Renter Warden: was E. Rayne. A court dinner was held later at the Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The Master presided and the other speakers were the Upper Warden and Marshal of the Royal

The Royal Signals Officers' Din-ner Club have changed the date for their Corps dinner at the London International Press Centre to Monday, May 19.

Major-General W. H. Baxter USAF, was the senior Nato officer

present at the Nato guest night held at the RAF College, Cranwell, last night. Wing Commander C. E. Wilkinson presided. Others present

iucluded:
Major-Goneral T. L. Morony, commandant, Royal Military College, Shrivenham, Roar-Admiral J. S. Elfeit, USN, Rear-Admiral G. A. Stemler, Royal Norweglan Navy, Brigadier A. C. Dos Santes, Portuguese Army, offer Cornanding and commandant, RAF College, Cranwell and Art Commonder, Canwell and Commandant, Commonder, G. P. Jeffery, deputy commandant.

Corps of the Royal Engineers

The

Cheltenham

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festival to

The Corps of the Royal Engineer held a guest night in the RE Head

quarters Mess, Brompton, yester

Mr. Barney Hayhoe. MP: Professor R Mason. Licutemani-General Sir Robin Carnegie. Malor-Generels M. J. H. Walsh and R. Staveley. Mr M. E. Quinian. Brigadler Anne Field, Mr N. J. Robson and Professor J. M. Hawkes.

be 15-day event

for the first time both dance and opera will be fully featured. Mr John Manduell, the pro-gramme director, said the exten-

The festival runs from June 29

Guild of air pilots

wardens.

Royal Ascot

The royal meeting at Ascot will take place on June 17, 18, 19 and

20. Applications for admission to

the Royal Enciosure should be

made to her Majesty's represent-

ative, Ascor Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1, before the

end of April.

Applicants should apply only for members of their family, stating their full names and their ages if they are of 16-25 years: children under 16 are not admitted except on the Friday, when adults with badges may bring children of 10-15 years, for whom no prior application need be made.

tion need be made.

New applicants will be sent a

form to have signed by a sponsor

whose name is already on the

Royal Enclosure list. Visitors from

overseas should apply to their

ambassador or high commissioner.

in the enclosure ladies will wear

formal day dress with thats and

gentlemen morning dress or Ser-

vice dress.

princi pal

Air Force Sir Neil Cameron.

Service dinners

RAF College, Cranwell

included :

Old N' neunians' Association

Pattenmakers' Company

Mr P. G. B. Maynard and Miss P. S. Fetherston-Godley and Miss P. S. Fetherston-Godley The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. A. Maynard, of Calne, Wiltshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. E. Fetherston-Godley, of Chippenham, Wiltshire,

Mr I. M. Parkinson and Miss K. F. G. Muliins The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. M. L. Parkinson, of Goleen. West Cork, and Geraldine, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Andrew Mullins, of Clonmel, co Tipperary.

Mr C. R. Percy and Dr C. M. Campbell The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs C. Warwick Percy, of Durham, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Campbell, of

Mr M. J. Pringle and Miss S. L. Ballentyne The marriage has been arranged between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Pringle, of The Hague, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Ballentyne, of Bonn-Bad Godesberg.

Mr B. A. Rix and Miss J. R. Green and Miss j. a. Green
The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of Mr and Mrs Otto Rix, of St John's Wood, and Jane. daughter of Mr John Green, of Knightsbridge, and of Mrs Timothy Thornton, of Kensington.

Mr S. M. Robinson and Miss A.-M. Harden and Miss A.-M. Harden
The engagement is announced
between Stephen, second son of
Mr and Mrs R. P. Robinson, of
Gothic House, Walpole St Andrew,
Cambridgeshire, and Aru-Maric,
second daughter of Mr and Mrs
R. C. Harden, of Maple Road,
Dartford, Kent.

Mr C. Robson and Miss D. A. Ward The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Pro-fessor and Mrs Peter Robson, of North Dron, St Andrews, Fife, and Doune Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Ward, of Milrimber, Aberdeenshire.

Mr D. A. Ross and Miss A. A. George
The engagement is announced
between Alexander, son of Brigadier and Mrs D. Ross, of Milland,
West Sussex, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. George, of Llanelli, Dyfed.

Mr R. D. Vooght and Miss C. L. S. Arthur The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of the late Denis Vooght and of Mrs D. Vooght of Barnt Green, Worces-tershire; and Sylvia, yourgest daughter of the laie Rev. John Arthur and of Mrs. Arthur, of Yardley, Birmingham.

and Miss C. A. Burnard .. The engagement is annothing the between Peter Warren; of Exeter, Devonshire, and Ann Burnard, of Fartham, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr F. A. Hopkinson and Mrs R. Trouncer The marriage took place yester-day in London between Mr Francis Hopkinson and Mrs Pamela Mary Trouncer, Trouncer

Mr M. I. S. Murray and Mrs N. G. Grier-Rees The marriage rook place in Alton on March 14, 1980, between Mr Michael Murray and Mrs Pamela Grier-Rees, widow of Commander Nigel Grier-Rees.

Mr N. H. Wapshott and Miss S. L. Nicholson The marriage took place on March 1S at St Mary's, Sullington, of Mr-Nicholas Wapshott and Miss Louise Nicholson.

Scottish archaeological sites being washed away

St Andrews

The North Sea is scouring the coastline south of St Andrews at such a rate that archaeological sites are being washed and weathered away.

A team of specialists from St. Andrews University has been com-missioned by the Scottish Development Department to survey the Fife coast from St Andrews Bay to Kinghorn to look for ancient remains about to disappear; and to examine threatened sites. The archaeologists will spend 10 days, covering 10 miles a day,

checking the coastline for any unusual humps, bumps or ancient man-made material. Mr James Kenworthy, lecturer in archaeology, will lead the team.

Scotland had already lost much of the evidence of its ancient past beneath building development. beneath building development, ploughing, sea erosion and quarrying, he said. "We are woefully ignorant about what went on in Scotland generally in prehistory. This project will help the Scotlish Development Department to assess

Thanksgiving service A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Michael Duff will be held at noon at Chelsea Old held at noon at Chelsea Old Church, London, SW3, on Wed-nesday, March 26.

mounds.
"This could be a valuable source of information about who was doing what and when around 6,000 BC," Mr Kenworthy said.
"There could be flints, agricul-

Memorial service Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, was present at the mediorial service

priorities in their excavation pro Along the Fife coast the sea has inflicted severe damage in some places, exoding more than 10 feet of cuiff during the past decade. In St Andrews the early Christian cemetery is being washed into the sea, and skeletons have appeared 1927 House together with a suitable endowment to maintain it to the National Trust and plaque in the porch showed the debt which he felt was also due

A wealth of known sites dating back to the earliest times will be investigated, including a shell midden at Dysart, where the

inherited Packwood House from his father in 1925 and the artistry and excellence he expressed in the restoration and furnishing of Packwood House was crowned by the visit of Queen Mary on August 22,

sea, and skeletons have appeared on the beach beside the rules of St Mary's church. The cathedral is thought to be safe for the present, but the old priory wall could be lost.

refuse from the earliest variety of fish suppers has collected in huge

tural material and animal bones, which tell a lot about hunding, pollen that could give information about the environment, and charcoal that could be carbon-dated. It will amount to another useful piece in the total jigsaw."

OBITUARY

Construction of dams and reservoirs

MR GRAHAM BARON ASH

Partners, Consultant Engineers, in London. Rupert Cavendish S Walters was born on July 21, 1888, in New Zealand where his father, Charles_ Flamstead Walters, was Professor of Classics at Christchurch University for some years. On their return to London he was educated at Westminster School and then at Kings College London where he gamed an Honours degree in engineering. From 1908-1912 he served with the Officers Training Corps (Territorials) but was rejected on medical grounds by the army in the First World War though he went to Salisbury Plain where he was given the organi-zation of the layout, drainage, etc, for army camps. After a period with contractors resident engineer, in 1932 he joined as Assistant then as Partner, Dr Lapworth's firm specializing mainly in water-supply. He remained with them

Mr T. W. Perrers-Walker

Mr Graham Baron Ash died

on February 20 in his 91st year. Packwood House, Warwick-shire, and Wingfield Castle are

tributes to this distinguished and generous benefactor to our

national and Warwickshire, Nor-folk and Suffolk heritage. He

In 1941 he gave Packwood

to his mother and father, who came to Packwood in 1905 and

commenced the restoration of

the old house. The older genera-

tion will remember his parties,

especially at Christmas and the

private performances of Shake-spearian plays in the beautiful

gardens and grounds, which include the mid-seventeenth

The Hon Simon Rodney, who

died on March 15 at Kelvedon

Hatch, Essex, at the age of 84, was one of the first four Boy

Scouts, being enrolled with his

three brothers by General Baden-Powell in 1907 after a

holiday with him on Brownsea

The third and last surviving

Island.

The Ser-

HON SIMON RODNEY

century Yew Topiary 'non on the Mount'.

writes:

Mr R. C. S. Walters, FICE, until 1967 when he became a geology of the construction of In 1929 he was awarded the whitaker Medal of the Institu-tion of Water Engineers and Water Engineers two of their President's Premiums for papers on bydro of the Societe des geology. He was closely in Civils de France in volved with the design and con- was on the Council of struction of many dams and water Biological reservoirs notably the Sutton Bingham dam for Yeovil RDC, Weir Wood dam for the supply of Crawley, Sussex, Lamaload dam in Cheshire for Macclesfield which was visited by Princess Alexandra during-construction in 1965, two dams in Cornwall—Drift and Stithians, as well as the designing of

He served as High Sheriff of

Warwickshire during 1938-39. In 1943 he took a lease of Wing-

field Castle, the ancient home of the de la Poles, Earls and Dukes of Suffolk and set about

Corps and the Royal Air Force

and at the beginning of the Second World War, he was one

of the first to offer his services

and return to active duty in the

Royal Air Force until relieved

by the younger generation. His

friends will miss his great charm, elegance and vitality, as

well as his generous hospitality. The world is poorer for his

passing but Packwood House and Wingfield Castle will be

lasting memorials to his devo-

partner in the firm of Rowe &

Pitman, stockbrokers. He saw service in The King's (Liver-

pool) Regiment and the Granadier Guards in the First

World War in which he was taken prisoner. He served in

the Second World War as a

major in the Grenadier Guards.

tion and generosity.

MR R. C. S. WALTERS

many ground water schemes including the Thames Basin scheme in the 1960s and 1970s. He was involved in the early stages in the design of the Scammonden dam for Hudders-field over which the M62 motor way passes and which was opened by the Queen in 1971. One of his main contributions to engineering was stressing the importance of the study of the

He was presiden Water Engineers in President of the Brit and of the Geologic for several years. His publications three books, The Ho Gloucestershire Nation's Water Sign and textbook Day (1962: 1971) as be articles on gook engineering and his He was devoted and was happiest who dam or reservoir retiring most of hi spent in writing and He was at one tir chess placer. In 1932 he mas Sylvia Doreen Barna daughters and one a

Herman Griffith,

HERMAN GR died in Barbados on Griffith, an outst

teenth century gatehouse tower. During recent years be enjoyed indifferent health following a fall which resulted in a broken hip. His generosity to the national heritage extended to the historic Cathedral of Norwich and for this and other benefactions future generations will remember and be deeply grateful to him.
In the First World War he served in the Royal Flying

General Lnis Pina. Army chief of the Salazar regime military attache to guese Embassy in I on March 17. H Pina was a founde pal's Institute . 0 Defence and player ent part as an it Lisbon's Institute Military Studies, In he was a keen i of Lisbon's

Professor Dodle Newitt, MC, FRS Emeritus of Chemic ing in the Univers don, died on March

for Sir Patrick Hancock held on son of the seventh Baron Wednesday in St Paul's Cathedral. Rodney, he was formerly a

Psychophysics: The nose can cheat

Science report

have discovered that cross-talk between nerves can in some circumstances distort the sense of emell so that people may not de-tect dangerous chemicals. The distortion arises because there are two systems of nerves in the nosc. The olfactory nerve is the one that specializes in fine discriminations between different odoors. ations between different odours. or But very concentrated odours, or

irritant chemicals, can activate a second nerve, the trigeminal nerve, which conveys the sensation of pungency. Dr William Cain and Dr Claire Murphy at Yale University have shown that the olfactory and trigeminal nerves interact with one another in credit of the control of th interact with one another in such a way that each may mask inform-ation carried by the other.

Their investigations were in-spired by an observation reported in 1868 by a philosopher, Alex-ander Bain, who found that odours

By Our Arts Reporter
Financial restrictions have forced
the promoters of this year's Cheltenham International Festival of
Music to cut the number of
orchestral concerts to be performed from seven to four.

It will, however, he a longer
festival than last year's, extended
this time from 10 to 15 days, and
for the first time both days and University news Oxford

Mr Christopher Taylor, senior intor at Corpus Christi College and a philosophy don, is to be the university's senior proctor next year. Dr Robert White, an Australian soil scientist of St Cross College, is to be the junior proctor. Dr John White, a chemistry don at St John's College, is to be the university assessor. gramme director, said the extension was an important step.

Next year, with a £28,000 Arts Council guarantee, the festival will cover 17 days. Mr Manduell praised the financial contribution of Cheltenham corporation.

The festival's director is Sir Leanox Berkeley, and Berkeley Castle will be the scene of a concert by the Academy of Ancient Music; tickets, costing £12.50, include a coach from Cheltenham and a salmon buffer.

The festival runs from June 29 the university assessor.

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Elections
PEMBROKE COLLEGE. Olficial fellowship. From April 1: A. Jones. MA.
university lecturer in Islamic studies.
ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE. Olficial
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chemistry: P. D. Battle. BSc: Brist).
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ST HUGH'S COLLEGE. Totorials
French literature and official followiship.
from April 1: Miss A. R. Goodden.
Tutoriship in law and official followiship.
from April 1: Miss C. D. Gray.
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research followabilp. From October 1:
research followabilp. From October 1:
Mar F. J. Austlin. MA. D. Phil.
Cambridge

Canon Norman Motley officiated at the annual service of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London held at St Michael's, Cornhill, yesterday. After the service Mr Hugh Field was instaffed as Master for the ensuing year. Captain Charles Klimcke is masterelect and Mr Norman Royce, Mr Robert Dominy and Captain Kenneth Blevins have been elected wardens. Cambridge
Mr F. W. Ratcliffe, librarian and director of the John Rylands University Library, Manchester, has been appointed university librarian from October 1.

Mr Frederick Walter Bow, of Pul-

followed up Bain's observation by testing the effect of different con-centrations of carbon dioxide on the ability of eight volunteers to distinguish the smell of a chemical, distinguish the smell of a chemical, which in ordinary circumstances has a distinct fruity odour.

They were able to confirm Bain's original discovery that carbon dioxide can obliterate odours. But they also found that by increasing the concentration of the fruity chemical, they could obliterate the pungency of the carbon dioxide.

carbon dioxide.

carbon dioxide.

To establish the nature of the interaction between the two chemicals, Dr Cain and Dr Murphy tested the effect of administering them separately to the two nostrils. In that way, they could ensure that the chemicals were not competing with one another to activate nerve endings

Manchester · UMIST

Dr Paul Broda has been appointed UMIST's first professor of applied molecular biology from September,

Keele
Dr Kurt Waldheim, SecretaryGeneral of the United Nations, is
to receive an honorary degree on
May 22. Newcastle

Dr J. B. Harris, who since 1967 has worked mainly with the muscular dystrophy group research laboratories, Newcastle general hospital, has been appointed to the action research fund chair of experimental neurology. Professor J. Parkhouse, professor of anaesthetics, Manchester Uni-versity, has been appointed to the chair of postgraduate medical education from June 1. Dr P. C. W. Davies, lecturer in applied mathematics at Kine's College London, has been appoin-ted to the chair of theoretical physics from October 1.

Lecturers: Dr A. C. Webb, anatomy, from May 1: A. C. Hutchipson, law, from May 1. Systems programmer: J. P. Aspdon, computing laboratory. Grants 525,000 from the Tyneside Lenkacenia Research Association. 642,467 from Disgerwork AG to Pro-

Other appointments

By the Staff of Nature could be obliterated if they were in the nose. But separating the accompanied by a current of two chemicals had no effect on carbon dioxide. The effect of their masking properties. The century researchers in America carbon dioxide is to endow the Yale researchers were therefore have discovered that cross-talk and Dr Cain and Dr Murphy have must be due to interactions bemust be due to interactions be-tween the two nerves.

Whether other pungent and non-pungent chemicals would react in the same way, or whether the nature of the interaction depends partly on specific properties of the two chemicals Dr Cain and Dr Murphy are unable to say without doing more experiments. They believe that a warning is in order. In the presence of high concentrations of an odorant, they point out, people may not be nigh concentrations of an odorant, they point out, people may not be able to detect the pungency of dangerously irritant chemicals such as inerganic acids. That may be important in some industries. Source: Nature (March 20, 1980, volume 21, page 255).

Nature-Times News Service,

fessor A. G. J. Holf for two years from October 1, to support the project A micro-processor controlled respira-tion instrument "."

The following Wolfson Foundation The following Wolfson Foundation Awards have been announced: \$102,000 to Professor G. B. B. Chaplin dept of electrical eng science, to set up a Wolfson noise and sibration cancellation unit developing novel automatic electronic cancellation systems: 560,000 to the Essex electronics centre in the Dept of elec eng science to develop small computer systems for commercial organizations: £39,000 to the industrial physics group under it director Professor D. J. Barber in the dept of Physics, to establish a Wolfson Industrial physics unit.

Dr D. J. E. Ingram, principal of Chelsea College, has been appoin-ted Vice-Chancellor of the university from October 1, City

Grafits
Westland Helicopters Ltd \$55,000 to
Professor G. T. S. Done and Professor
A. R. S. Branwell, dent of mechanical
engineering and aeronautics, for
theoretical investigation of helicopter
aeroclastic stability. Social Science Research Council E51,948 to the dept of social science mathematics for a professorial fellowship in social statistics.

Appointments
Dr J. D. Donaidson of Chelsea College,
as professor of industrial chemistry, a
newty established chair.
Dr R. W. T. Proaler (mech eng), Mr
F. R. Janes (systems science), Mr S,
Haberman (mathematics) and Dr A
Grieder (social science) to be senior
icturers from October 1, 1980.

Bishop of Numana

Bishop of Numana will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday, March 26, at 2.30 pm. Cardinal Hume will preside and the consecrating bishops will be: Cardinal Gray, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, senior cardinal on the Pontifical Com mission for Communications; Archbishop Heim, Apostolic Delegate; and Bishop Holland of Salford, President of the Mass Media Commission for England and

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However, Mr Michell's voice

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Kramer us Kramer arrives in ondon on a wavecress of Oscar nominations: indeed it has been nominated for Academy Awards in practically very category except Best Foreign Language Picture, which is understandable, and Best Actress, which is less so since Meryl Streep's perfor-mance is one of the film's larger assets,

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The central section of the film describes how the abandoned busband copes with the problem of looking after his small son, at first bitterly resentful of the break-up and of the mother's inexplicable desertion. As father and child grow closer, however, the man changes and develops. His work begins to take second place to the human relationship—even though in the end it results in the loss of his job. His unemployment is critical only because it comes at the moment when the wife reappears to claim custody of the child, on the grounds that in the intervening year and a half she has herself matured,

than before. Robert Benton, the writerdirector, has adapted a best-selling novel by Avery Cor-man. It is lifted above the level of common tear-jerker by the same affectionate concern for character that distin-guished Benton's earlier pic-tures, Bad Company and The

becoming a woman of inde-pendence and a fitter mother

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No-one in this domestic cutastrophe is all good or bad, right or wrong; but all ere victims. At the start our sympathies are fairly shred between the desperate wife and the husband, brash and unlike-able, inattentive and insensitive, but honestly justifying his obsessive professional ambitions as his duty as breadwinner. Sympathy shifts strongly in his favour with the develop-ment of his relationship with the child, so that the wife briefly assumes the aspect of villian when she appears to dis-rupt, as by right, this now happy accommodation. In the courtroom they become equal victims, as their lawyers, in their names, bully, abuse threaten and expose. Horror at what they are inflicting one upon the other seems indeed. to draw them momentarily

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by the child, a seven year-old, solemn-faced, blonde-mopped natural called Justine Henry. No adult actor could carry off with such perfect aplomb such scenes as his polite small talk with a naked lady guest, encountered on a nocturnal trip to the bathroom; or his spectacular defiance of his father in the matter of a forbidden tub of ice cream.

Benton's technique with the child, it seems, was to get him to improvise, generally in co-operation with Dustin Hoff-man, to whom certainly, much of the achievement of their quologues must be attributed. For his own part Hoffman plays well enough to overcome a naturally unsympathetic, essentially Hollywood-big-time personality. Streep promises to be a remarkable actress. With a fine-boned face like a slightly prettier Edith Sitwell, she has an ability—most mirked in the court scene-to suggest rapid and subtle shifts and crippling physical injury, Benton favours the sort of

"Luropean" style also characteristic of the later "Luropean Woody Allen: sophisticated. with an emphasis on the image (the film is photographed by Nestor Almendros) and economy of writing, often playing scenes without any dia-logue, as a further hint of the French influence, the film pays tribute to Francois Truffant with extracts from the Vivaldi concerto used in L'Eniant Sauvage.

hy a Canadian director, Ted Kotcheff, North Dallas Canadian director, Forty may very well prove somewhat bailing to audiences not immersed in the lore, rules and language (though a lot of that is very plain and four-let-ter) of American football. The film is a tough, documentary and extremely unflattering view of the game as it appears from locker-room, gymnasium and touchline. Aiming to be an American equivalent of This Sporting Life like the British film, it is also adapted from a novel by a former professional player, Peter Gent), its themais the feudel character of professional sport, the team are the property, pride and play-things of a big corporation, "performing monkeys" (in David Storey's expression) for

relieved by a no less crippling to fintake of drugs. The film is also directed by Kotcheff with rough energy, and lusuly played by a cast that includes, alongisde the stylish Nolte, Charles Durning as a bullying coach, Bo Svenson as a Texas wild man and a supporting group of real-life ball players. Its greates: weakness is the non-performance of Dayle Haddon as the girl friend whose love is supposed to be the catalyst for Nolte's self-recognition. un Sauvage.

All-American, though directed year-old film by the admirable

the crowd.

rificed to half-baked ideas and professional inattention. The notion is not necessarily had: Sherlock Holmes meets Jack the Ripper. The Ripper story takes up favourite recent

are as truthful as comic.

theories that there was some involvement with the Royal Family and specifically with the Duke of Clarence, who died young, four years after the Ripper murders of 1888 and before he could, as intended, marry Princess May of Teck, the future Queen Mary, John Hopkins's screenplay is a labyrinth of blind alleys. The great detective makes impossi-bly large leaps of legical deduction, uncharacteristically seeks the aid of a medium

gal, whose subsequent Junion recently played in Lundon, It is an attractive and somewhat

wayward story of a movie actress of the Forties, and her

assertion of independence in a

time and society not in any

way ready for a women's

the career of the "Marathi Joan Crawford", Hansa Wad-

kar, a great star of the Thir-

ties and Fortics who was for

her own generation a thrilling symbol of the liberated woman Indian censorship does

not allow a truthful account of

Wadkar's eventual cultabse

under the strain of career, sex-

ual promiscuity and drink;

and there is an inevitable sense of evesion in Benegal's

entertaining and often moving

account of the heroine's battle

with her husband and the

other men who find it hard to

reconcile her carear with their

traditional view of woman as

The story is in fact based on

movement.

symbol

possession.

(played, red-eyed and demented, by D. and Suther-land) and gets himself and the audience so confused that in the end he has to sit down for 10 minutes and explain what has actually been happening.
This exposition is delivered

in the course of a scene with the Prime Minister (Salisbury, presumably), played by an understandably bewildered John Gielgud "Seriously, though ..." intimates the though . " intimates the scenario: and Homes's revelations perpart to show a disin-Victorian society, togesting with a decadent monarchy, an establishment corrupted by free-masnery and a vicorous and no less corrupted radical anarchist movement who seem

in some way in league with all

the rest. Even if the screenmay succeeded better either as good sense or good hokum, it all seems culpably sloppy for undertaking which must squalling baby daughter was squalling b Even if the screennlay had Nick Nolte plays a star good serve or good hokum, it catcher, now just part his all seems culpably sloppy for prime and counting the cost in an undertaking which much humidation, moral debasement have been so costly. Why, one wonders for instance, there no one around to tell the screenwriter that terested" does not mean "un-interested"; to tell the set decorator for the onera house sequence that Donizetti does not have two Ns; to see that modern street signs did not appear in location scenes; and indeed to tell the director, Bob Clark, that distorted images creepy music, realistic gore сгеепу and costly sets do not compen-sate for the lack of any real cinema style?

On the Twentieth Century

Her Majesty 5

Irving Wardle

As the rhythm of the railroad is the one industrial sound that echocs through the American hazz tradition, it seems perverse that when Broadway gets around to a railroad musical it should be scored to evoke old Vienna with a few gypsy strings

for exotic colouring. I do not push the point, as On the Twentieth Century hardly qualifies as a railroad musical anyway. True, this Hecht and MacArthur adaptation takes place on board the tamed Chicago-New York express, and is set among quantities of mobile chromium, vanilla ice-cream, recessed lighting, and the suburban front door suppurst withour which no arrdeco design would be completes and even before Robin Wagner's glittering wonder is undraped. the orchestra is letting out its the journey is under way, the story could just as well be happening in adjoining hotel bed-

The special attraction of the film, apart from the skilful, touching and highly localigent Travel supplies no distraction performance of Smita Patel, is its meticulous recreation of the from the obsession with show business, and the journey is films and studios of the Formercly a pretext for a bank-rupt actor-manager to batch ties: Benegal's pastiches of familiar genres—the florid musicals, methologicals and plans for a come-back helore he meets his creditors at the other escapist extravagunzasticket barrier.
This means finding

Murder by Decree is the sort property, finding a star, and of film that makes you despair for the industry; so much resource of material, talent and hard cash is wilfully sucfinding the money, all of which fall into his hands with suapicious ease, and then fall out again when the backer is unmasked as an escaped lunatic. and the star contract carries the signature of Peter Rabbit. Entertainment along the way consists mainly of the various off-stage roles which the mon-strous Oscar Jaffee adopts to score his hat-trick.
To this robust, hard-boiled

plot. Betty Comden and Adolph Green have added a quarter of towards us on a cleaming con-singing porters, and a chorus catcher, and of pretty to who double as fellow passengers and as the crowds who swell the big fantasy episodes. These derive from the female star's tainly the best thing to him agonies of indecision over two been seen lately at this address.

Streets of London

Ned Chaillet

Theatre Royal, E15

Victorian gaslights, Extrava-

day, and extravagant emotion,

though it nowadays leans to-wards hilarity, is what it is

Twenty years before the bulk

of the action a City banker had taken £100,000 worth of gold

waiting outside, and Badger, a corrupt clerk who witnessed the

crime, stood by to be bribed and

With the expected exception

of the dead captain, the rest

have survived to enjoy corrupt

wealth or to face squalor, with

the banker, Bloodgood, thriving

on the captain's gold and the

good captain's wife and daugh-

ter declining from gentility into

beggary. As Bloodgood's wealth

increases, and Badger returns to

sent into exile.

a multiplication of villainy fort culminates in a spectacular fire set by Bloodgood to destroy the evidence of his crime.

Hearts were meant to he rended by Dion Boucicault's The Streets of London, and tic ets sold. Though Blodgood's cri-Melodrama is alive and at least dent inhumanity has kept himwell enough to walk, if not quite ready to dance, at Stratford East. Diane Cilento, whose from the best circles of society. his money is about to purchate an entry into respectability by his daubitter's marriage. The third production as a director it is, does not forget that even inconvenient detail of the brid walking is something elaborate; cream's love for the days have calculated to display wealth, the dead centain is nathing arrogance, goodness, evil and penniless nobility through the against his need for crab. Miss Cilento's production may gant acting, where it can be encouraged, is the order of the

inspire more laughter than tears in our hardened hearts. though the sufferings of the poor on stage, buffered in artificial snowsterms, nor a chaerful sympathy from 870% tators in the icy auditorier). The actors, however, are ful aware of the laughter theramisfortunes produce, and they play with commendable direct-

William Souire as Bloodgood has the stuffiness of vertical evil and a variety of protemime postures perfectly spired to his role, his wicked daughter-you can snot him wickedness by her abundant blonde curls—is nicely sport in Jane Wymark's performance. characterizations Elsner Gray and Louisa Rivors entirely good people are equally well judged, but the ambivators Badger is the character to watch charmingly contradictory in Michael Carter's periormtake a further helping, there is ance.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yester-David Robinson day's later editions

Louisville's standing against the ugly American myth

"Eat it or molest it?" . . . Anne Pitoniak and Ray Fry in Today a Little Extra

Press to Kentucky for the Fes-tival of New American Plays at the Actors' Theatre of Louis-ville was a little review called The America Project. Commissioned by the theatre, this con-sisted of 10 sketches on America by a group of cul-turally-OK non-Americans, and it promised one civilized outpost in a territory that might otherwise be populated by playwrights with heads goowing under their armpits.

As it happens, this show did leave one with the strongest single image I received from any of the festival's nine pro-ductions. The moment occurred in a wordless sketch by Athol Fugard about a Bowery scavenger who is inspired to convert a dustrial and an old car-seat into a drum kit, after being splashed by a pass-ing truck. The ragged Dierk Toporzysek wipes himself-clean with fascidious care and then throws the used tissue into the audience. We flinched in disgust. We knew that tissue degree of local trust. was saturated in filth. The was spotless, and also that it whole nature of theatrical magic was compressed moto one

With that honourable exception and the contributions of Gordon Dryland and Keich Dewhurst, the rest of the evening made one flinch for other reasons. It consisted of every third-hand anti-American stereotype you can think of from dollar-worship to the divorce rate, delivered with ineffable long-range contempt by such luminaries as Brian Chark, Alexander Buzo, Stewart

High among the attractions had planed in from around the that lured the international globe at Kentucky's expense to supervise the rehearsal of their 10-minute playlets, you are left gasping equally at their artistic gall and at the limitless humi-lity of a company who would accept such work and act out these envious libels on their homeland. If ever there was a place to

> give the lie to the ugly American much, it is the Actors' Theatre of Louisville—an outfit which has grown up under 16 years of the kind of civic care which America usually craft propellor slowly revolving under the ornate Greek fingers. Revival dome, you see concrete evidence of the theatre's 96 per cent capacity subscription list: a long queue waiting for stand-by tickets for an unknown play. I know of no British theatre that enjoys that Over the year, new plays account for a third of ATL's

regular output. It also runs an annual play contest, and the festival (now in its fourth year), selected from an esti-mated 4,000 unsolicited and commissioned texts that pass through the Literary Manager's office. About half this material is picked up for subsequent production elsewhere, some of the American West, and times yielding commercial pro- arch-defender of Frontier perties like The Gin Game and Marsha Norman's Getting Out. But the policy rests on the still unproved faith that new drama can be bred like Ken-Parker and Wole Soyinka, tucky racehorses; and of the gun-festooned living room and magazine kiesk has dropped When you think that these nine shows that made up this haranguing his visitors (the dead. It is all coming and scourges of the ugly American year's festival, not one bad audience) on the vanishing going, with inconsequential



been picked with an eye to

Broadway. The only possible exception was Michael Kassin's Today a Little Extra, a Lower East Side Jewish comedy enacting the conflict of the generations through the handover of a kosher butcher shop from its traditionalist proprietor to a go-ahead newcomer. Confined to the day of old Zalman's retirement, the first act presents an expertly organized duel which fans out to include the life of the crumbling neighbourhood-as which now combines the role of a community house with a dedication to new writing. Walking into the main foyer, with a huge velvet. with a huge velvet-covered air. he inquiries, trying to chaperon the bird from her prying

It is with the help of this old adversary that he conquers his new opponent; and the two of them settle down to a kosher alliance with Za!man's demonstration of how to extract nickels from the pay-phone. It is a good short play to which ATL persuaded the author to add a second act wherein sharp purposeful comedy subsides into static mush.

On the other hand, it was also the management who gave Alan Duke the subject for his wholly successful dramatized portrait, Remington Remington is Frederick Remington, pre-1914 painter and novelist values against the effete duplicity of the East. Michael Kevin plays him in the likeness of a Dodge City Alfred Marks, striding around his

paradise of "wild riders and vacant lands" and the " exquisite class of unwashed men to whom his art is devoted. One irony is that Reming-ton's home is in New York,

and the text, mainly drawn from his own writings, is mined with stunningly self-confident contradictions: lingering pathetically over an Indian atrocity, and then briskly remarking "a mob has got to be shot up a little before it will get into a state of mental

main auditorium and its studio: the first a 637-seater with a thrust stage, the second tors raked on three sides.
Common to both are the resources of a design department that specializes in clabment that specializes in elab-orate scenic building. If ever a theatre lived up to the slogan the writer leads" it is in ATL's scrupulous translation of its chosen texts into styrofoam and timber. In some of the weaker plays, there is a positively embarrassing imbalance between the facile stage action and the exhaustively detailed craftsmanship that supports it.

In They're Coming to Make It Brighter, for instance, Kent ping and cursing from the street; an old shoe-shine man dreams of getting into show business; the elevator operators gossip about people we never meet; late in the day we learn that Poppa who runs the magazine kiesk has dropped

("I bought him a hot dog to cheer him up and he found a finger-nail in it"), but quite shapeless and under-charac-terized. But before it starts your eye feasts on Paul Owen's

superb art-deco setting. A better introduction to the work of Jon Jory, ATL's producing director, was Adele Edling Shank's Sunset Sunrise; on which the design staff again went to town with a cineramic Californian house exterior complete with a vintage Pon-These two plays were pre-tiac, motor-operated bathing sented respectively in ATL's tub and (the author's masterstroke) a television inter-com through which a daughter of the house ("I'm allergic to everything except plastic")

Set and play alike mights have been by David Hockney. West Coast superficiality is put on trial through an interplay of surfaces: "open relations ships" furtive betrayals. flashes of murderous hostility, incessant drink. There are moments, as where an actual worker invades this languid society to fix the car, when a Chekhov hovers over the scene; but even then there is hardly a trace of moral judge; ment, and Miss Shank leaves Broadhurst takes us through a her characters to run their a pre-Christmas working day in the lobby of a New York office building. The staff arrive dription, unfolding in stealthily? gathering darkness, and ani-mating a company of 14 so as to direct your eye unfailingly from one focal point to the next, reaches its climax in an immense darkened pause which seems to go on for ever until broken by a single sob.

Irving Wardle

Haiti boat people are America's newest problem

in the water and the decks are crowded with sparsely-clad black people. About twice a week on average, the United States coast guard, patrolling the waters round Southern Planida, will spot one of the boats and go to look.

If it is in distress they will take the people off it and ferry them to land. Thus a fresh botch of America's newest problem immigrants, the Figitian boat people, will arrive in style, helped by an arm of the Government on whose territory, technically speaking. they have no right to settle. Last year 2,500 of them came,

according to the count of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Ins). In recent months the rate has been increasing. In January there were 517 and in October-last year's busiest month-630.

They come, they say, because they cannot find work in Haiti. They speak also of the repressing and brutality of the regime of the young President Duva-lier. Some claim that they have been brutalized, or their fathers been arrested and disappeared.

Although legally they have un right to stay in the United States, the INS is under a court pending the result of an appeal in a case where one issue is whether they can be treated as overcrowded families.

political refugees. The Govern-ment's position is that they

"What-we're up against from our viewpoint", Mr Richard Gullage, deputy district director of the Ins in Miami, said, "is people who are fleeing an economic situation—poverty, low pay and lack of employment -coming here trying to better

their way of life. Along the way their cause been championed by attorneys, realizing that a claim to political asylum can delay things indeterminately.
"We depend on the State

Department to advise us if political persecution is going on. From what we have reon. From what we have re-ceived from the State Depart-ment, there is no political per-

nent, there is no pointeat per-secution in Hairi."

Although now obliged not to send them home, the Federal Government has no direct responsibility for maintaining the refugees while they are here. That burden falls on churches and volunteer groups in Miami. Baptist

The Friendship Bapust church is a large, quite modern building in a black residential area in north-western Miami. There the Rev James Jenkins, a black minister, runs a staging post for the refugees after they have been screened by immi-gration officers and before they can be settled with already

A boatload of 57 had arrived One young man, Levecque two days before my visit. In Belassy, had a pale scar on his a low room, lit harshly with forehead, which he said had neon, they sat on benches eating a dinner of rice, meat and carrots. They were mostly men and in their early twenties.

A few matresses were stacked against a wall, because after dinner this would be converted into a bedroom. There were no blankets, but the Haitians would keep warm at night by covering themselves with old clothes strewn from a pile in the corner.

They had already picked from the pile some clothes to wear in what was, for Miami, unusually cool day. They did not worry about styles so long as they fit: one tall, slim man was in a snug women's coat with a fetching fur trim. They said they had all chipped in to buy their aged escape boat, paying \$35 (about £16) a head. The trip from Hairi had taken 14 days, and they told how they were unable to load all the provisions they

make a hasty getaway when make a hasty getaway when spotted by the police.
When I asked why they had come, they all said: "To get work, to get money." Some described how they or their families had been ill-treated by President Duvalier's police and security men.

had planned to take with them,

because they were forced to

been put there by a policeman after he had bumped into him with his bicycle. Another, Louissel Monlouis, said he had spent eight months in jail after asking the police for news of

arrested and disappeared. The youngest was Alma Le-blanc, a boy of 14. He said that his father, a labourer, had been beaten up by the police as he went to collect his wages, and arrested. Since his mother was already dead, he decided to

his father, who had been

come to America. There was one former soldier and one who said he had been a member of the Tontons Macoute, the feared security force. He had worked as a taxi driver from Port-au-Prince air-port (his reasonable English supported his story) and his job was to report on passengers' conversations.

"I used to arrest a lot of people", he said: "If people complained about conditions I would report back and they would be in trouble. I didn't like it so I left but after I left I was persecuted. That's why I came here."

They know they cannot legally settle in the United States but, because word of such things travels fast, they also know that they will not now be sent home. That is why

they do not try hard to evade the immigration authorities when their boats reach the American shore.

Despite that, the "smugglers" who arrange transport for the refugees do a thriving business, at prices ranging from a few bundred dollars to one or two thousand. Officials at the INS believe that some of those who say they have been at sea for between 10 days and a formight

are not telling the truth.
"Some of the boats they come in are so unseaworthy that they couldn't have made the trip an undercover immigration investigator said.

"The males have pressed pants and the females have clean dresses. And, this is a little indelicate, but they don't have the body odour you'd ex-

The theory is that they may have been staying for a while in Bimini, one of the Bahama islands only 40 miles off the Florida coast, or that their small boat was piggy-backed on a larger one, then dropped only a few miles from the shore. The refugees may have been coached by the smugglers to say they had sailed all the way from Hair, to put investigators off the

While the INS does not send them home, it does not often let them have work permits either. This means that to survive they have to take jobs illegally and

are at the mercy of exploitative employers in small factories or on farms. Some say that though promised food, lodging and pay, they receive only food and

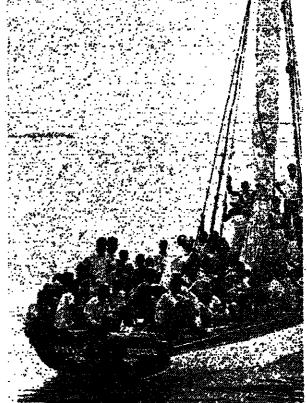
lodging. That is the chief complaint of the Rev Gerard Jean-Juste, an exile who runs the Haitian refugee centre a few blocks from the Friendship Bapust On the wall of the cramped headquarters, a poster reads: "INS attitude reminds Duvalier's

Macoute " He points out that Cuban refugees automatically count as political exiles and are entitled to work permits and social security benefits. The law is that anyone who leaves a communist country may automatic ally be regarded as a political

refugee.
Mr Jean-Juste said: "Here we are in such a condition of oppression and they keep telling us we are not political refugees. Many of those who come had good jobs—teachers, law-yers, farmers. If they didn't have the problems they have they wouldn't risk their lives

on flimsy boats to come here.

"But when they get here they get disappointed. They throw them in jail. They harass them. We told them that America was beautiful, that this is the land of justice and freedom." The refugee centre organizes frequent demonstrations in Miami



Haitian refugees, packed into a small sailing boat graphed by the Coast Guard in the Florida Keys,

to protest at their treatment. Mr Gullage of the INS said the refugees are detained for only a few days, for health checks and documentation, before being released into the receive little publicity r community. But Mr Jean-Juste or internationally. T community. But Mr Jean-Juste says there are cases of people being held for several months.

An unknown statistic is how many drown on their cases the control of the boat people from the boat people

America. The coast guard keeps a detailed log of those boats it assists in crouble.

February 19: 15 rescued, three dead, four missing near Port Everglades. Same day: 25 accounted for, five missing off Key Biscayne. The list is a long one and does not include those which sink without trace. boats which sink without trace. humanitarian people. There is no record of depar. The Haitians want the There is no record of depar-tures from Haiti to check against, but given the condition of the boats that are found it

of others had not sunk. Mr Jean-Juste believes that pite knowing that it is number of people who do encourage still more to the number of people who do not make it may be almost as high as the number who do.

would be surprising it a number it is probable that bef of others had not early

Michael Lea

Tarnish comes off relationsh

Saudi doubts ease on US policies

man after Crown Prince Fahd's communism cannot be to tained without your carter's National Security Adviser visited Riyadh recently, he spoke about the dangers of Saudi Arabia has not the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan and asked Saudi Arabia to contribute to an aid package for Pakistan. The Crown Prince, who had been less enthusiastic when faced with a more circumspect Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, immediately agreed. promising to bring in the Gulf

For Saudi Arabia the Cold War had never thawed and the past six weeks have been deging doubt that the United States would prove a friend in need has been eased. It is good to have the battle lines drawn

again.
Although feted in commu-Although teted in communiques and leading articles, the special relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States had been looking a little tarnished over the past 18 months. The friendship began when President Roosevelt met King Abdul Aziz on board the American destroyer Murphy in the Great Bitter Lakes in 1943 and reached what many Saudis felt was its apogee in the victory of Congress' voting to sell Saudi Arabia the F15 combat

aircraft nearly two years ago. Then things started going wrong. In the autumn of 1978 beavy-handed attempts to per-suade Saudi Arabia to approve of the Camp David principles only produced annoyance. Then Washington dropped Taiwan, without informing Saudi Arabia, Taipei's only important remaining supporter. The Shah fell alone, despite Saudi pleas to Washington that only

pleas to Washington that only his presence would save Iran from chaos.

A group in the Government, numbering among them Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, began to suggest a little distance might be seemly. The Crown Prince cancelled a visit to the United States, and hints were dropped that the Russians were not as bad as all that.

It was a discreet campaign, satisfying needs not to appear too much on anyone's side in officials will admit to put the uncertain Middle East, relief at every indicatio

the uncertain Middle East, hedging bets with Iran and the radical Arabs and, as if a mistress fearing her lover indit-ferent, seeking proof of affection by recognize isolator.

After several official comments that the Soviet Union can play a constructive role in the search for peace, the Crown Prince came out last month with the losse obligate research. with the lease oblique remarks yet. He told the Lebanese magazine Al-Hauvadess that while Islam and communism were irreconcilable, Saudi Arabia appreciated that Russia cannot he ignored. He was grateful that Soviet press campaigns were not nowadays so vituperative against Saudi Arabia, and pleased with the progress of trade relations. Contacts were under way through a third party which he

did not identify.
Unfortunately, the interview was given before the Russians moved into Afghanistan and was published afterwards.

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A more exact summary of the Saudi view was provided last year by Dr Ghazi Algosaibi, the Minister of Industry and Flectricity, He teld a meeting of American businessmen:

"Your industrial way of life for the coming decades will collarse without Arab oil. The inlarge without Arab oil. The independence of the Arab coun-

Mr Zbigniew Brezinski is a tries in the face of ex-

Saudi Arabia has no i with any non-Arab or state that could be desc in Iiddah having beer by Stalin in 1938 after, Arabs had proved unpe by "the Marxian creed. Soviet subjects are allo the Pilgrimage, the doze Soviet Central Asians so years always being accor by an unlikely-looking Muslim.

several thousand Chine Saudi citizens, living summer capital of Tai trekked as refugees i from the Muslim provi

Trade exchanges are gible, although Saudi b men occasionally visit on papers from the Embassy in London. made taxis were once o in Rivadh, but they hav replaced by Japanese on For all the hinding, D saibl's remains the Sau look. Communism is contrary to religion, and are до two ways about as if, bred in the most e persuasion of an uncoming religion, Saudis cant

the conflict in any other than those of good and t They are realists, t and recognize that comp is necessary for safety. Be was before Afghanistan. Arabia has now taken a stand. It was the first c to announce a boycott Moscow Olympics this so

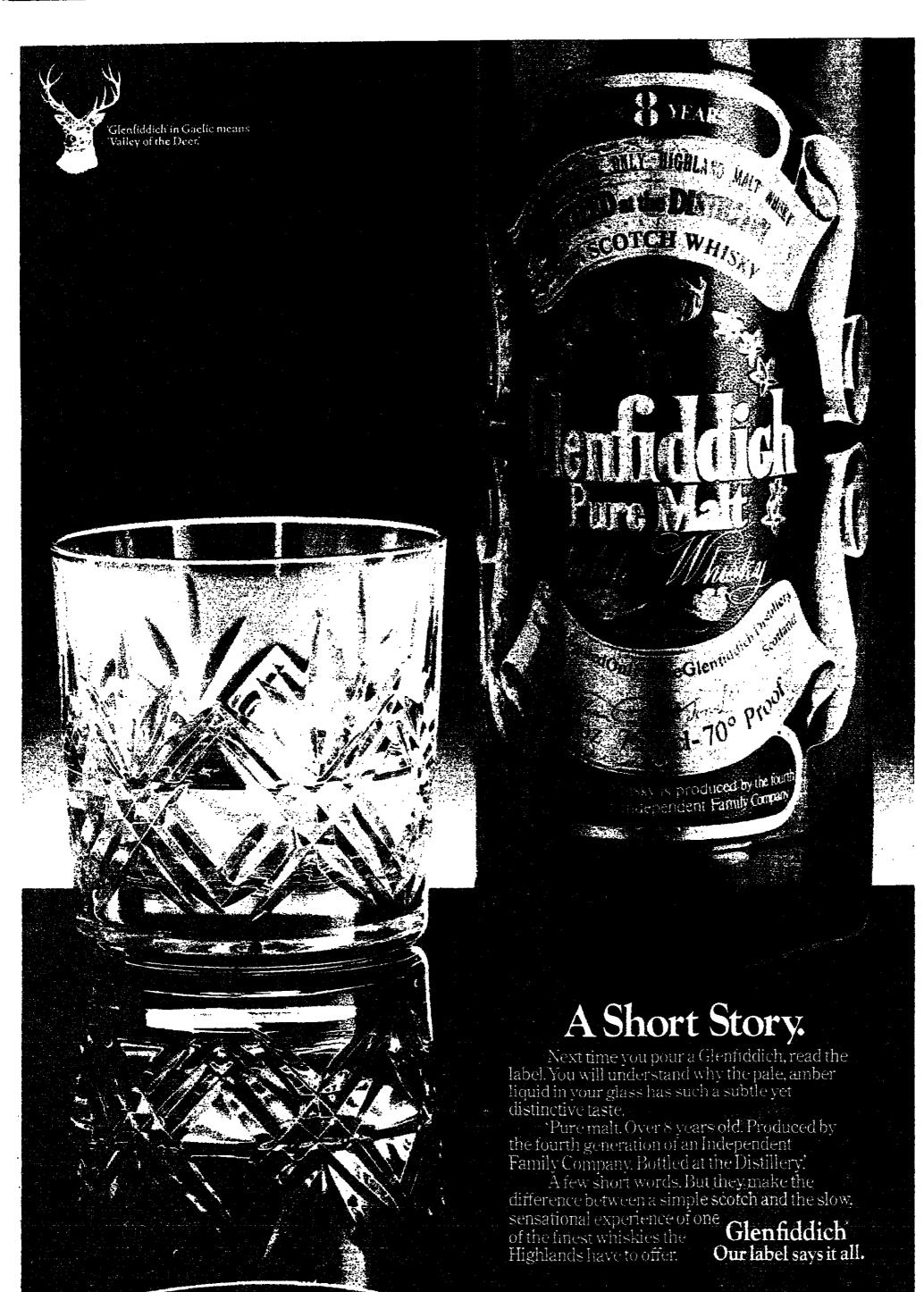
relief at every indication force to protect triends, uncertainty has been disp

While essentially concilieven unadventurous, Arabia's foreign policy has consistent in its oppositic radicalism. Relations with wan and South Korea fulsomely treated as the classification. of friendships; and, com-tors ellege, result in 1 countries being for pol-reasons favoured in the a of Government contracts.

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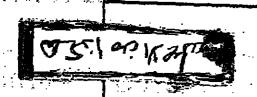
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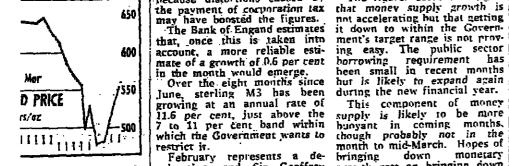
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Opposition from Treasury and Bank of England to full monetary base system

By John Whitmore and Ronald Pullen

The Treasury and the Bank of England made it clear vester-day that they are strongly opposed to the adoption of a full-blonded full-blonded monetary base system in the United Kingdom. But they confirmed that the "corset" controls an the banking system will he phased out as quickly as possible. They also said they were in favour of ending the present reserve asset requirements for banks and replacing them with new prudential liquidity norms.

This will leave the authorities controlling the banking system through some sort of cash ratio system, special deposits and interest rates. The opposition to a full monetary base system came yesterday in a Green Paper on monetary control, compiled jointly by the Treasury and the The idea is that the paper should provide a basis for about two months of consultation and debate with interested parties. After that the Government will move towards

firm decisions on how best the monetary system should evolve.

The preparation of the Green Paper was set in morion by the Chancellor last November. Chancellor last November. Doubts about the efficiency of the present monetary control system hadb een growing for some time. However, the deci-sion in October to end exchange controls effectively sounded the death-knell for the system of "corset" control, albeit that the Governor of the Bank of to use their new freedom to use offshore sterling markets to

frustrate the control.

Sterling M3, the broad measure of the money supply which the Government uses in

serting monetary targets, grew

by 0.9 per cent in the February

banking month.

But the underlying increase

nay have boosted the figures.

The Bank of Engand estimates

mate of a growth of 0.6 per cent

growing at an annual rate of

which the Government wants to

February represents a de-

celeration, and Sir Geotfrey Howe, the Chancellor, greeted the figures as a "very consider-able slowdown" on the rate in-

herited from the previous gov-

ernment. He pointed out in the

Commons that since October

money supply had been growing at an annual rate of only 10

The true position remains obscured. At the heart of the rapid expansion in money supply which has caused the auth-

orities so much trouble is the

growth of bank lending, and so

far there are no clear signs that this is slowing. In banking February, it rose by £580m, but this figure probably understates

the true increase.

This is because of the com-

plex inter-relationship between all the components which make

up the money supply. Many companies paid their corpora-tion tax bills with certificates of tax deposit which they had

earlier bought.

Because of this, they did not

Net Carbon 11p to 127p Rand Mine Prop 20p to 212p Austenburg 12p to 227p Weeks Petrol 30p to 363p

W sley Hughes 20p to 283p

per cent.

that, once this is

Leading article Financial Editor Control difficulties

tem. Under such a system, banks would hold cash deposits (the "monetary base") at the central bank, the size of these deposits being in a fixed ratio to some measure of the overall size of a hank's operationsthat measure ideally being the liabilities included in the measure of money the authorities were seeking to control.

If these liabilities, and hence the money supply, grew too fast, the monetary base too would show excessive growth. The Bank would then be required to conduct market operations to offset this excess, allowing interest rates to move to whatever level was needed to

achieve this.

The Bank has never been keen on such an idea, seeing it as too rigid, and possibly dangerously destabilizing. It is also reluctant to yield rotal dis-cretion over interest rates. Ministers and Treasury officials have accepted this.

A more flexible type of monerary base control also fails

to win official support at this stage, though it was stressed yesterday that the Government Under such a system, changes in the monetary base would pro-vide signals of required changes in interest rates and, for the most part, these would be auto-matic. The Bank would however England did request banks not mechanism if it felt that circumstances justified such action.

The central issue is the best way to ensure that the need for For a time, it had seemed interest rate changes is sig-that some government ministers nalled more quickly than at would like to see the adoption present, and that interest rates of a rigid monetary base systhen move rapidly to the rate

heavy tax payments and other

factors meant that the public

The figures seem to suggest

not accelerating but that netting it down to within the Govern-

heen small in recent months

This component of money

supply is likely to be more buoyant in coming months.

month to mid-March. Hopes of

down

growth rest on bringing down the rate of increase in bank

This can only happen if com-

panies succeed in running down

their stocks, which they are

financing with money barrowed

from the banks. The effect of that process will be to bring about a sharp drop in output.

direction comes from the figures for sterling M1. the narrower measure of money

which often gives a quicker in-dication of trends. This fell by

dication of trends. This fell by
1.5 per cent in the February
banking month.

Sterling M3 is growing faster
than other measures of the
money supply. One difficult
presentational problem for the
Government in meeting its
target is to find a way of deal-

ing with the boost to sterling

M3 which will come as the "corset" on bank lending is

MONEY SUPPLY 1979-1980

phased out.

58 - £000m

One possible sign that the

bringing

probably not in the

monetary

during the new financial year.

Chancellor welcomes

slower money supply

was probably lower than this take account of this. because distortions caused by The figures seem

Coinciding with the Green Paper, the Bank of England has published the criteria it would like to see for the measurement

The document is one of a series from the Bank about prudential supervision after last the Bank more statutory respon-sibility for the banking system. The essential feature of the

proposals is that they try to pull together the old idea of a "stock of liquidity", which up to now has been the main yardstick, with the trend since the authorities last aired their views in 1975 towards more active liability management, whereby banks seek to balance the maturities of their assets and liabilities. At present, neither the quick assets nor the reserve assets ratios ensure that the banking system overall has adequate liquidity.

Instead the Bank is opting for an "integrated" test to meld these two approaches into one—sarisfying immediate liquidity needs such as may arise from a withdrawal of deposits and liquidity needs arising from unforeseeable dificulties in financing future commitments.

To protect the banking system as whole of being drained of liquidity and to deter banks from holding too muc hof their liquidity in higher yielding assets, the Bank says that 40 per cent of the banks' liquidity needs should be held in the form of liquidity", which primary includes cash, balances with the Bank of England, call money with the discount market, Treasury and local authority

bills and gilts with less than a

US Steel accuses **EEC** over sectors meant that the public sector was not running a large deficit in February. Because companies were not getting money from the Government, they had to go to the banks, so the lending figures should perhans be revised downwards to dumping

year to maturity.

Pittsburgh, March 20.-The United States Steel Corporation said today it would file antidumping complaints tomorrow seeking relief from unfair trade practices of steel producers from seven EEC countries. It said the complaints would be filed with the United States

ing easy. The public sector Commerce Department and the borrowing requirement has International Trade Commis-Corporation said the pro-

but is likely to expand again ducts involved in the complaints were structural shares. plates, hot-rolled sheets, cold sheets and galvanized rolled sheets exported variously from France. Belgium. Luxembourg. Italy, Britain, the Netherlands and West Germany.

In its complaint, the corpora tion claims material injury from steel imports heing sold at less than fair value in the United States from the seven countries over the last five years. The company said unfairly

years have had and are having serious adverse effects on American producers. The corporation said it was

also investigating steel pro-ducers from Japan and other countries in preparing countervailing and anti-dumping complaints against them.

White House gives hint of tax cuts

US Economics Correspondent Washington, March 20 President Carter may propose

election, according to informed sources. The White House is confident that its new plans will result in a budget surplus if there are not tax reductions for the 1981 fiscal year starting on October 1.
The President's aim is to

balance the budget and he favoured giving any surplus in the form of tax cuts to boost productivity, the sources said. On current White House estimates the size of the tax cuts could be around \$14,000 (£6,422m). No final decision will he taken in the next couple of months and the Administration is not prepared to base its plans intally on the figures contained in Congress's budget resouting the decision might not be taken before September.

The sources said the Congressional change in attitudes has

Barclays

By Roman Eisenstein

higher

profits 42pc

Banking Correspondent Barclays Bank, the last of the

major clearers to report its 1979

figures, yesterday announced profits of 1529.4m, a 42 per cent increase. The dividend is lifted

by 36.6 per cent and there is

one for five scrip issue with the

promise of a maintained divi-

dend, a 20 per cent increase for

the current year.

Barclays has followed the

other clearers in what looks like a concerted defence strategy against charges of

windfal: profits and has adjusted its figures for infla-

tion. This shows a rise of 22 per cent at E335.8m for the group as a whole.

Mr Derek Weyer, vice chair-

man of Barclays said yesterday that "our profits as related to

inflation are not excessive. The case for any sort of levy or profits tax is not made on any

ground of logic".

He pointed out that the crucial capital to deposit ratio

had barely changed in what was

the best year in the present banking cycle. Ignoring infla-

tion adjustments, profits on domestic banking operations

rose last year by 70 per cent

Last year the amount written off for had dents rose by half

to £60.5m but for the current

year the bank has made bad

Gebts provisions of £379.8m, down by £21m on last year. Even so, had debts could

confirmed that there are already signs of some "dis-tress" horrowings by some

The demand for loans from

the personal sector has slackened so far this year while companies are still increasing

tneir borrowings. Overall Barclays expects demand for

money to fall off by the middle

of the year.
With such a fall Barclays is

expecting the rate of interest

to drop and by the end of the

year it foresces hase rate at

Bovis Construction has been awarded contracts worth almost \$15m by Marks & Spencer. They include the building of a new store at Truro and the ex-

tension of existing stores at Barnsley and Kidderminster.

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Mr Wever

worsen this year.

to £325.4n.

companies.

grammes and trimming back many anti-recession plans. The new Congressional willingness to do this is remakable, the White House believes.

Despite rumours to the contrary, the President will not be proposing new defence spending increases or foreign military assistance increases, because of the Soviet invasion of Afghantstan and Middle East developments, the sources stress.

The Budget is going to be balanced and this achievement will improve public confidence in government's ability to control inflation, White House officials say.

The May Budget resolution to be approved by both houses of Congress will contain ceilings on public spending, but the numbers can always be changed. The Administration is not going to announce tax cuts before the details of the final Budget resolution have been agreed upon by the Congress in

believe their programme is realistic and conservative. They assert that anyone who believes flation. the Congress would agree to officials say. greater cuts in spending than the ones the President is pro-

posing is simply dreaming. Arduous and exhausting dis-cussions with leaders of the Congress over the last two weeks have shown a total unwillingness of the Congress to fundamental, changes in the structure of main welfare pro-grammes, according to White grammes, according House officials.

The sources said the President will only present tax cut-ting plans when it is clear will be a balanced budget.

The President expects the Congress to accept his spending cuts, and the sources suggested that even some of the most Liberal members of the Congress have indicated a willingness to cut social programmes. There has been a big change

eptember, the sources said. in attitudes towards public' Senior White House officials spending in the Congress over the last couple of months as a result of the sharp rise in in-

The specific spending cuts have still not been agreed upon by the President, but it does appear that his moves may force some state and local governments to raise taxes of their own.

Government grants to the states will be cut by \$1.700m which will mean that some cities receive less cash from state capitals. To offset this being damaging to cities like Chicago, New York and Detroit, with severe fiscal problems, the White House will propose a special relief programme for

Sources said the Administramean a dramatic cut in government borrowing requirements in the forthcoming from roughly \$54,000m this

Bonn poised to sign DM 5,000m loans deal with Saudis ing to confirm the sums in-

The West German Finance Ministry and the Saudi Arahian being made. However, it now monerary accurs are thought to be on the point of cancluding rumours that Bonn was planan agreement under which the Saudi monetary-authorities will land Germany rather more than DMS,000m in stages in return

A memorandum of understanding herween the two sides has been under negotiation for some weeks. It is understand that the Bonn Government's first direct borrowing from the Saudis under the terms of the agreement is almost completed and will he followed by other horrowings later.

volved or discuss the conditions under which the borrowings are rumours that Bonn was planning to borrow DM10,000m were exaggerated.

Besides planning to horrow directly from the Saudi monetary authorities, Bonn has directly also heen selling promisory note loans to the Saudis through commercial banks. It is thought that the sales

have included three-year paper after last week's decision to permit foreign investment in German fixed interest securities of between two and four years' It was rumoured in Frank-

The finance ministry in Bonn furt earlier roday that foreign is being extremely cagey about details of the borrowing refus-

and Dm3.000m marks in the past fed days. The paper apparently took the form of three, four and five year notes yielding 9.85, 9.75 and 9.7 per cent respectively.

By borrowing abroad, West Germany is killing two birds vith one stone in covering the Federal Government's substantial borrowing requirement, and helping to offset the expected DM20,000m deficit in the current account balance of payments this year.

Sales of West German government paper to oil producers can also be used to hinder too great a devaluation of the Deutschemark on the foreign exchance markets as the oil producers sell dellars for maria to be able to subscribe to Bonn 3

Coal board expects to

The National Coal Board looks like breaking even when its results are published in the lext week or two. Sir Derek Erra, the NCB chairman, who made this prediction on a colliery visit in north Yorkshire liery visit in north Yorkshire leather cloth factory in May, is yesterday, said: "We are the subject of a takeover hid from Mr Graham Lacey's Ferindustrial scene because coal is ing to be required and we are going to produce it." Sir Derek told his audience

remarkable achievement. He said: "I have never known in all my years, since

1947, such a remarkable transformation in one year." He out niccess down to investment payng off, the demand for coal rising and being met. and to the incentive bonus scheme for miners—all of which, he said, vere turning out well.

prove last July. The industry had produced 4 million tonnes of coal more than last year and productivity had increased by per cent in spite of the trans-

port and stel strikes.

He added: "The important thing for the future is to keep things going, to keep up the momentum of investment

break even By Ronald Kershaw

that there was increased production, higher productivity and folling absenteeism. The

industry had sold 10 million comes more than the predicted 115 million tonnes which was a

Performances started to im-

Intervention hope over Wardle works closure indicated that they are prepared to intervene in discussions over the future of more than 300

jobs at the Caernary of factory of Bernard Wardie.

The Wardle group, which to close the Everflex jobs at the Caernaryon plastics guson investments. The offer, supported by the Wardle board,

If, as widely expected. Mr Lacey acquires Wardle, he will be invited to discussions with Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, over the future of the Caernaryon

tactory.
This new more in the longrunning dahate over the Everflex plant was announced yester-day by Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid ymru MP for Caernarvon, who has led a local campaign to save the jobs. He also intends raising the subject during an adjournment debate in the Commons this afternoon.

The Wardle factory is the second largest employer in an area where unemployment running at 11 per cent. This is expected to climb to 22 per cent over the next year as work on other local projects, including the Dinorwic pumped storage scheme, the Anglesey road bridge, and the Bangor district hospital, is run down.

Moreover, the Caernaryon area is being downgraded from "special development" status.

Mr Wigley said the Everflex closure could not be justified on simple commercial grounds. In the year ending November, 1979, the factory had a profit of £650,000 and estimated cash assets of £2.5m. Productivity improved last year by 37 per

An attempt to buy the fac-tory by a group of local



Mr Dafydd Wigley: Closure unjustified

Caernaryon solicitor has already failed. A resolution, calling tor the removal of the present managing director, Mr John Sharpe, has been put forward for the annual meeting on April

Mr Wigley said vesterday that the takeover by Mr Lace: now seemed to offer the only hope of saving the factory. Mr Lacey has said he supports the policies of the present management, although Mr Wigley believes he will consider a review of the decision to close.

Wardle's plan is to tranifer Everflex production from Castnarvon to the plastic sheeting company of Armoride at Colus. Lancashire. This was acquired in 1978. The group says the more will

reduce costs, but Mr Wigley believes it is being made in an attempt to justify the decision to huy Armoride. Mr Wigley said the Secretary

of State accepted that it was contrary to public policy to move jobs from a special development area and that it was important to encourage, and not penalize the type of productivity untrovement

businessmen, represented by a shown at Caernarvon. BERISFORDS

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Stock levels show £88m drop

Bovis contracts

By Caroline Atkinson Evidence that industry has begun to run down its stocks came vesterday with new figures for the last three months of last year. These showed that manufacturers' stocks dropped £88m during the three months, £50m more

than at first thought.

The overall figures for manufacturing mask a bigger fall in the companies stocks of intermediate goods and work in progress. These were down by in the level of finished goods stockpiled by manufacturers cut

the overall figure for destocking. Industry as a whole was still adding to its stocks at the end

of last year. However, it is

likely that much of the rise was

probably been forced to hold more stocks of the goods they have produced because consumer demand has been lower than expected. This is one reason for the high level of bank lending at the end of last year and overshooting money supply.

Most forecasters expect a rapid turnround in the stocks

cycle this year, with a sharp fall in levels. This is one of the main elements in the widely forecast economic recession. Even a slowdown in stock building leads to lower gross domestic product, and an actual fall in the level of stocks has

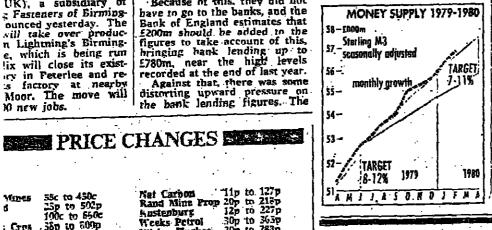
a powerful depressing impact.
It would also help to reduce money pressures economy. As companies run down their stocks they will As companies run

Retailers' stocks rose by £181m in the final quarter of last year, nearly half of the total rise for 1979 in their stocks. Again this was probably hecause of lower shop sales than expected, rather than because of a deliberate attempt by re-tailers to build up stocks. Within the manufacturing sector, engineering companies

money supply.

had by far the biggest fall in the final three months of last year. The chemical industry on the other hand showed a big Investment in the chemical

industry fell by 10 per cent in volume terms last year from the 1978 level, according to revised figures. Overall invest-ment was 3.5 per cent down involuntary. Companies have reduce their demand for credit in the fourth quarter.



Funds pour in at £1m a day before the Budget 'deadline'

Bonds with a short life but a prosperous one

which are likely to be killed per cent net of basic rate tax the dark as which are likely to be killed while two-year bonds yield next week. off in the Budget next week, are enjoying a last-minute sales spurt. One life office offering these bonds is seeing money offer these attractive returns, pouring in at the rate of £1m thanks to tax relief on life a day, while others report a last-minute flurry before what holding in a bond is less than might cause ripples throughout could be the deadline next 51,500 with the bulk of money the whole industry. could be the deadline next

Since these short term bouds

were resurrected last October,

Short term income bonds, return of between 18 and 19.5 them although so far it is in between 14 and 15.25 per cent

a year net of basic rate tax. advantage of tax relief pri-The short term bonds can marily designed for longer assurance policies. The average coming from elderly people, taking advantage of unused tax relief quota in an attempt to

the dark as to what will happen It argues that the bonds take

term policies of 10 years or more, and is concerned that any reaction in the Budget Although the sales of these bonds are small compared with the total life assurance busithey have attracted some 185m boost their income.

They have attracted some 185m boost their income.

Despite the success of these tinue to grow are likely to bonds are currently offering a tion wants to see the back of down on them.

So far companies issuing these bonds are limited to nonmembers of the LOA, If they survive the Budget unscathed, the larger member life assurance offices are likely to vie for this highly profitable business. Growth could distort the short term savings market with building societies as one of the main victims.

So anticipating the official axe, offices will be closing their bonds by next Wednesday morning at the latest.

Sylvia Morris

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Inflation in **EEC** lower last month

Consumer prices in the European Community rose 1.4 per cent in February from the previnus month and 13.9 per cent from February 1979, the EEC statistical agency Eurostat reported. The community infla-tion rate slackened from January's record monthly increase

of 2 per cent. The provisional consumer price index gained 2 points from January and 19.3 points from February 1979. Inflation was highest in Italy at 1.7 per cent, the United Kingdom at 1.4 per cent and Germany at 1.1 per cent-the steepess rise for that country since November

Prices rose 1 per cent in Holland and Denmark and 0.8 per cent in Belgium and Luxem-

Car plant reopens

Volkswagen is to resume the assembly of cars at its Salzgitter plant where production was halted in 1975. The West German motor company will spend Dm200m preparing the plant for the restart in the spring of 1982.

Petrol £1.60 a gallon

Italian petrol prices rose by nearly 4 per cent today, their third increase in six months to take account of higher oil prices. A litre of super grade petrol now costs 680 lire (equal to £1.60 a gallon).

Steel orders down

Orders for rolled steel pro-West German steel companies declined 4.3 per cent from January but were up 16.2 per cent in a year. February rolled tonnes in January and 1,505,000 tonnes in January and 1,529,000 tonnes in February

Mexico stavs out

Mexico has decided against joining the general agreement on tariffs and trade (Gatt), but will pursue a "new, more fair, economic order", Presi-dent Jose Lopez Portillo said. He said Mexico's economic desclopment required more flexibility than the \$3-nation trade organization

World shipbuilding hits 13-year low

Output of the world's shipbuilding industry sank to a 13-year low last year, and although prospects for the future are a little brighter, world shipyards still face a testing time over the next three years. Total world production amounted to 14,239,369 tons gross, representing a fall of nearly 4 million tons on the levels established in the previous year and the

owest level of completions since 1966. The production figures, compiled in the annual survey published by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, exclude the output from the Soviet Union and from Chinese yards. But they demonstrate the extent to which the shipbuilding industry has been forced to cut back production as a result of the steep drop in orders which arose from the 4 oil crisis and the collapse of de-

mand for large rankers. One of the most significant features to emerge from the latest survey is the emergence of the United States as a major force in world shipbuilding. Against the overall trend, the Americans achieved a record level of completions last year of 1.3 million tons—a level which the British industry has achieved in the past.

Helped by generous subsidies, the United States industry has become beavily involved in building costly and advanced ships especially chemical carriers and liquefied natural gas carriers. Last year's output, up by nearly 320,000 tons on the 1978 levels, included the three largest natural gas carriers completed last year.

In second place in the world order "league table", the United States output accounted for 9.5 per cent of all tonnage completed, but this was masked by the continued dominance of the Japanese. Their shipbuilding industry, although substantially down at 4.7 million tons on the heady production levels of a few years ago, still accounted for nearly 33 per cent

of all merchant ships completed last year. In fact the tonnage completed by Japan's yards was the lowest recorded since 1964 and underlines the extent to which the world shipbuilding crisis has severely undermined the Japanese industry which had built up enormous capacity to meet demand for large ships.

Output was down by 1.6 million tons on the previous year, but the emphasis placed by Japan on export contracts and continued competitiveness alongside European rivals was underlined by the fact that 60 per cent of all ships completed in Japan were for overseas registrations.

The French shipbuilding industry moved into third place with output of 719,863 tons, up by nearly 280,000 tons on the previous year. France, the United States, and Brazil, now firmly established as one of the world's leading shipbuilding nations, were the only countries to increase their completion levels last year. The Brazilian increase in output reflected the substantial build up of the country's domestic fleet-90 per cent of vessels

completed last year were for Brazilian owners. Although still expensive, a number of Brazilian yards are beginning to look to maintain overseas orders production.

Against the background of the recent trickle of work into Britain, the largely nationalized United Kingdom shipbuilding industry slipped down the world rankings to fourth place, with output falling by nearly 442,000 tons to 691,404 tons.

The state sector of the industry is well on the way to achieving its target of a 45-ship baseload of work to tide it over the thin years ahead, and is mounting a drive to hoost productivity which will accompanied by further slimming of the industry's labour force.

Losses of British Shipbuilders in the year ending this month will be only just within the £100m limit set by the Government, and in the new financial year it will face an even tougher battle to remain within the limits.

British shipowners continue to major customers of foreign yards, much to the chagrin of British Shipbuilders' executives. Last year, according to Lloyd's, tonnage built overseas for United Kingdom flag registration amounted to 417,102 tons, while Britain's industry, which has managed to increase its share of orders domestic owners, built 35 per cent of its slips for foreign owners.

Peter Hill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Contractors angered Furniture by cement prices

Sir. As Lord Boyd-Carpenter arrangement British cement ("Cement makers agree to peg prices for year", March 19) has joined those who "blow their heads off in public", may

acquaint him with some facts of which he may not be aware: 1. Construction contracts of one year's duration or less, are awarded on a fixed price basis. Is he therefore really surprised

at his customers' anger when with only a matter of days' warning one of the basic commodities jumps up no less than 24 per cent when it had risen by 13 per cent only six months previously and by a similar amount at the beginning of

Contractors do of course anticipate increases in their bighly competitive bids, but on the experience of last year they could at best only make similar assumptions about price rises in 1980. On fast, cement-intensive contracts, of 12 months' duration, the difference on one contract alone between a rise of 13 per cent in six months, compared with 24 per cent in one jump, can amount to £50,000. Anybody who submitted a bid before February 11 is

badly caught, 2. When the cement makers successfully defended their pricing arrangements before the Restrictive Practices Court in 1963, one of the main arguments which was accepted by

the court was that due to that was the cheapest in the world. After a further 17 years of operation, this is no longer so.

and resulting from the recent price rises, importation of continental cement cannot be long delayed 3. The price of cement is arrived at on a "cost-plus," basis, taking into account what is "needed" to achieve a satisfactory return on capital. As a industry much of their

costs are made up of: depre-

ciation; cost of replacement of

assets; and overheads, and are

fixed ". On a cost-plus basis in a time of falling demand prices inevitably materially rise. This is in great contrast to the rest of industry where, due to market forces, prices fall in real terms. That is the outworking

of free enterprise.

4. While this federation is rlad to receive the assurances that they have now been given by the cement makers, if it had not been for the director-general and myself "blowing our heads off in public", even this modest concession not have been obtained.
MAURICE LAING,

The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, Cowdray House London WC2A 2HH.

profit margins. From Mr R. W. Bloom

Sir. Your corresponde Harris (Business New 4), speaks of the tra high profits on dome ture, where gross many to 80 per cent have uncommon".

By such a general misleading interpretat profit margins which retailers are likely to indeed 80 per cent ward is quite committee margin which hi the VAT and core penses. Thus, it res VAT in a profit on-26.1 per cent and must be deducted the which at current rate. to leave a trading p per cent or 3 per con before tax.

This profit struct helds good so long as related to the expense rained and should th ship alter by redi true state of affairs to with the tradition profits " to which has somewhat casually Yours faithfully, R. W. BLOORE, Reginald Bloore Assor Little Court, Penny Plot, Lyme Regis, Dorset

Languages and trade

From Mr C. G. Hadley Sir, Bob Crew's interesting article "Loss of trade and lack of language" March 10 included a number of statements that call for correction: It is no longer true that " most

"A" level syllabuses in modern languages insist that quantities of classical literature should be learnt": some allow students to replace literature

by background study or to choose a combination of these elements; moreover, the lists of prescribed texts have for many vears now included very modern authors; an increasing number of boards are putting out alter-native syllabuses that concea-

trate on the language.
Although it may be true that notential sixth form students of modern languages have been out off by the traditional literary image of the subject, the relative decline at that level cannot be attributed solely or even largely to that cause. The reasons for the "unpopularity" of modern languages in the sixth form are many and varied, and the career image and the structure of the curriculum must be included among these. We are all aware with Bob Crew that a good linguist does

not necessarily make a good business man, but there can be no question that a competence in languages is a desirable addition to other qualities and skills. Since we have difficulty selling our goods, we cannot afford to follow the quoted example of the Americans and Japanese.

Language teachers accept that their main role must be that of servicing students in other specialisms. The rejected "N" and "F" proposals for the restructuring of the sixth form curriculum, would have ensured that more stdents retained contact with modern languages. Our main thrust new must be to develop and support the "AO" syllabuses of the type mentioned in Bob Crew's article. They will, however, attract customers in sufficient numbers only it AO is accorded real status in the framework of sixth form studies, Yours faithfully, C. G. HADLEY,

Headmaster, (Chairman, Schools Council Modern Languages Committee), Golfs School. Goffs Lane, Cheshuat, EN7 5QW, Hertfordshire,

March 17,

Mrs Thatch rewards for initiative

March 4.

From Major F. N. L Sir, Mrs Thatcher 1 mised me a rose ga she did say, or seem that, if I voted for he won the election, my would be rewarded. I A short time ago

voted for ber and she initiative and bought from her, thinking th tiative would be re BP did well. BP have well and I shall be a pointed if Mrs That permits the Chancel Exchequer to take : me my fair share of t Yours faithfully. FRANK L. CHAPMA. Thorne. Friday Street, Painswick.

Gloucestershire GL6

March 15.

Complaint to OECD over China contract

Britain has complained to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) over a reported attempt by Belgian interests to win a contract for a large power plant in China by offering an interest-free loan to pay for it. The offer, if proved, would breach the OECD's gentlemen's

agreement on trade with developing countries. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Britain's Minister of State for Trade, refused to comment on the individual case vesterday, but said that the Government's views were being made known to the OECD. He told businessmen at a

London conference organized by Business Perspectives and The Times to discuss trade prospects with China: "We don't think it is in anyone's interests to start a credit war. If there are unfair practices we will, through the OECD, put pressure on the countries using

Mr Parkinson's remarks follow concern, which has been compounded by reports of the attempted Belgian deal, that Britain suffers from automatic disadvantages in winning some of the large contracts which are expected as part of China's modernization drive. admitted yesterday that British companies were at a disadvantage because of the nature of

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the United Kingdom foreign programme.

"One of the problems that we do have is that other governments may be in a better position to use their aid programme to back up tueir businessmen than we can", Mr Parkinson said.

"Our aid programme, which is fairly considerable, is well committed in the future. A growing proportion now goes in multilateral aid through such things as the World Bank. What left is very much spoken for in former colonies and newly developing countries with which we have a special rela-tionship. Against that backpround of commitments, we can offer no hope of the aid pro-gramme being increased."

But, he added, there was a good basis for support for British companies' efforts in China which, taken as a whole, compared favourably with the support provided by other Western governments.
The Export Credit Guarantee

Department had recently agreed,

in consultation with the British banks concerned, to extend its support for medium to long term project finance from the previous minimum of \$1m to a new minimum of \$100,000m.
"We will, of course, face fierce competition from other industrialized nations seeking to take advantage of the opening China needed counter trade up and modernization of China. agreements because they were a



Mr Edward Heath meets Mr Liu Chin-sheng, commercial counsellor at the Chinese embassy, at the Business Perspectives/The Times conference on Chinese trade.

But many British goods compare favourably with any in the world for quality and sophistica-

sectors, be flexible and imaginative in our trading methods, and sell our goods on the right terms, then the Chinese market should be increasingly profit-

Much new business, however, will be in the form of counter trade, though the Government "does not actively encourage counter trade, and indeed it has some instinctive reaction against it", said Mr Parkinson,

way of harnessing Western marketing skills for selling and helped to offset the Chinese lack of foreign exchange.

But Mr Parkinson warned British businessmen not to regard China as an "Eldorado" for trade. "Certainly our trade figures for the past 12 months show that British industry has responded vigorously to the new challenges of the China challenges of market", he said. the China

Our exports in 1979 more than doubled over the previous year. We had a surplus of \$75 million the first time since 1975. and total trade reached a record

The categories in which awards will be made are listed below. The conditions of entry remain unchanged. The awards will follow

the established pattern. namely: a) The Grand Prix, to be held for one year awarded to the entrant whose advertisement is, in the opinion of the judges,

the best submitted. irrespective of category. The Grand Prix consists of a silver trophy, specially designed for The Times by Gordon Hodgson.

b) First, second and third prizes for category

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b) Be easy to read, by use of skilful typography.

c) Contain such information as prospective investors or professional advisers are likely to require, including details of the business carried on by the company.

d) Include, at the option of the advertiser, such illustrations, graphs, or diagrams as may be necessary to supplement (c) above.

e) Leave the reader with the impression that the company concerned would be a good one to do business with, to work for, or to invest in. Note: In the case of the

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Barclays holds the line

ions with profits broadly in line ise of the other major clearers, up T cent at £529.8m. Profits achieved ome market have soared by around ant to £325.4m.

at increasingly looks like a strong to criticisms of windfall profits has followed the line of other by restating its results on a current This shows a more modest f 22 per cent to £355.8m at the peak he present banking cycle.

tax and adjusted for inflation the n capital is a respectable but by no insational 10 per cent. More importhat the all-essential capital to ratio has remained virtually unat 8 per cent and it is likely to ite over the next couple of years. flation and high interest rates do ount for all the improvement. are up by 26 per cent at £26,300m, much better than the inflation rate. Bank International too, has a 12 per cent increase to £150m, the inclusion of Barclays America t May suggests an internal growth d 6 per cent, not too bad considerbarebone margins in Euromarkets fact that the South African rand 30 per cent of BBI's profits come ith Africa) has been weak against id. Finally, Mercantile Credit has a slight improvement with profits n in the fact of high interest costs. ys expects interest rates to taper mid-year and if this is so, interim vill still be very high. After that -; will face a downturn in the cycle rest rates should be falling while

the Barclays shares at 415p are ly taxed p/e ratio of 4 and yield cent-less than other clearers but a promise of a 20 per cent improve-er the scrip issue. The shares are

ary control

ual tion.

int Treasury-Bank of England ive paper on monetary control may, be something of a disappointment ine advocates of a monetary base lut there was nothing in the paper feathers in the City.

icular, the gilt-edged markedt was mored, and there was no hint that ount/money markets would be to make any structural changes. t all, the banks were as good as speedy release from the and its mounting penalties.

lat one should make of the paper of likely changes of the monetary vstem over the coming year is not lear. Certainly, the cynics will take that this is a paper that desibned maintain the status quo. In other is a paper designed to leave the

oly that is not swholly fair carricizing way the authornies have in fact he game over the past couple of ore importantly, I think it would be o assume that they are totally to accepting a process of gradual.

Indeed in a system that is now
be almost exclusively dependent on

in which they are bound to be e is any notable gap in yesterday's ive paper, it is the decision not to h government funding. It may, prove that the decision to phase present reserve asset requirements ole the authorities to develop and ore effective use of short-term ent debt instruments - with the

ns of short-term monetary implicae confirmation that the corset will ne consigned to the scrap-heap may

yield on Treasury Bills presumably

figures were at the top end of swell sterling M3 to the extent that reintermediation takes place. Markets will presumably take that in their stride, however, provided the process takes place quickly and is, therefore, reasonably visible. The Bank of England's proposed changes

to the way it measures bank liquidity, meanwhile, are fairly close to the way most banks run their operations at present. Even the new "primary" liquidity ratio is a reasonable approximation to the old reserve asset ratio so there are unlikely to

be any radical changes in bank balance sheets to upset the money markets. However, those banks which rely heavily on the wholesale money markets, where refined matching techniques have been developed, could find themselves having to reduce the extent of their mismatching or

build up more liquid assets if they are to meet the Bank's criteria. Even here, though, the banks are likely to find the authorities more accommodating than in the past since the primary liquidity requirement is not absolutely fixed as the old reserve asset ratio was which had to be observed for monetary control purposes.

Stone-Platt

Assessing the damage

Recovery for Stone-Platt will be a long, uphill struggle. One of its textile machinery divisions is still losing money, both are on short-time working and although the electrical, marine and pump businesses are looking for improvement over 1979, there are likely to be some tough decisionsmaybe more closures—ahead.

The worst year in the group's history ended with losses of £2.94m. The final dividend has been passed. After exchange losses, provisions against the Oldham factory closure and a goodwill write-off, reserves have suffered to the tune of £17.5m.

Although an estimated £7m surplus on property revaluations makes up some of this, a sharp rise in borrowings still leaves gearing doubled; net debt of £35.7m— mostly long and medium-term—was equal to two-thirds of ordinary shareholders' funds.

Profits have now fallen from a record of £15.6m in 1976; management changes, restructuring, tight controls on spending are at last being implemented. Down 5tp to 37p the shares compare with asset backing of 134p. But for the moment, it looks like one where angels would fear to tread, unless of course a bidder emerges.

C T Bowring

Good defensive ammunition

Whether or not it will be allowed to go ahead, Marsh & McLennan's bid for C. T. Bowring has galvanized the British group. Pre-tax profits at £38.5m are marginally

up on the previous year but a good £3m ahead of most outside estimates. Meanis a paper designed in the score considerable discretion in the score considerable discretion in the score interest rates or at least enough at the gross seemed as much as come e danger that present site changes over twice—is as much as come e danger that present site changes over twice—is as much as come—inue to fall in the too little participated with broking praftis, down a shade at little to the total—Bowning has had although the total—Bowning had although

support. Results from Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, are up £1.2m at £4m but significantly bolstered by a write-back of bad debt provisions while underwriting results up £2.1m at £6.7m thanks to a good year at Crusader are spectacularly good.

The shares up 5p to 133p yesterday represent 10 times fully taxed earnings and offer a yield of 6.4 per cent which does not reflect much of a premium for the Marsh bid, which would currently be worth a shade under 160p.

They could still look a little expensive if as seems likely the Marsh bid falls by the wayside for the time being although not that expensive given that the latter part of this year could offer substantial recovery prospects. When interest rates start to fall Bowmaker will naturally benefit, while insurance premiums, and thus commissions, could start to turn up in the summer. wayside for the time being although not that

The aim of monetary control is to bring the rate of growth in money supply into line with the long-term growth potential of the economy. This, it is argued, will make

for much greater price stability. and create a healthy environment that should prove more conducive to real economic growth than the destabilizing inflationary conditions that prevailed for much of the seven-

The theory may sound simple enough. Its implementation has, however, proved rather more

difficult There are two principal reasons. First, politicians have regularly been tempted to inflate the money supply to my to get the economy moving, and have equally regularly been tempted to avoid prescribing the medicines needed to cure the resultant inflation.

Second, monetary control is a complicated process. In an effort to find ways of improving control the Treasury and the Bank of England yesterday issued a consultative document. The first task in monetary control has to be to define money and establish what one

is seeking to control. The commonest definition of money would include notes and coins in circulation (15-20 per cent of the total) and deposits held with the banks. There is, however, considerable debate as to whether this is an adequate definition.

Some would argue for the inclusion of building society deposits (now bigger than per-sonal sector deposits at the banks) and private sector holdings of assets, such as Treasury Bills, which can be readily converted into cash. It is not surprising, therefore, that there is also considerable

debate over precisely what type of money the authorities should concentrate on in their efforts to achieve control.

In recent years the Govern-.

Monetary control easy in theory, difficult in practice

ment has sought to control what is known as sterking M3, made up of currency in circulation and bank deposits held by

United Kingdom residents. Although it has not always measure, and though it may also have been rendered rather less useful now that the United Kingdom resident is free to switch his money between sterling and foreign currencies at will, the authorities feel that it is the best measure for control purposes. They also believe that for simplicity's sake the projected growth in sterling M3 hould remain the only published monetary growth target.

System

The mechanical problems of making the money supply develop along the chosen path are various. First, it is important to remember that, the counterpart to the deposits in the banking system is credit. It is the expension (and contract is the expansion (and contrac-tion) of banking credit that provides the dynamic for changes in the money supply.

Money is created when the public sector borrows from the backing system to finance its domestic borrowing requiredomestic borrowing require-ment or, equally importantly, to obtain sterling to sell in the foreign exchange markets. It is also created when the private sector borrows from the banks.

The broad requisites for are monetary coursol are a public sector borrowing requirement that appropriate to the desired rate gobb of monetary growth; an efficient system for financing

the Government from outside banking system, since outside borrowing is neutral in money supply terms (an outgoing payment being matched by proceeds from a private sector puschase of a govern-ment savings instrument); and an effective way of influencing private sector credit expansion.

The public sector borrowing requirement does not fall within the remit of the consultative paper. The Government is already committed to progressive reduction of the PSBR as a percentage of gross national product

Ways to finance the Government outside the banking system are not really touched upon either but, perhaps, should have been. The Bank of Eng-land's discussion article on the funding system in last June's Quarterly Bulletin poured enough cold water on change to discourage debate on an important subject

Under the present system the Government has trouble in sell-ing its debt to the private sector. Punding has tended to become a feast and famine affair, a battle of wits between the Bank and large institutional investors.

The ideas most commonly put forward for change in this area

index-linked securities which it is assume that the institutions would gobble up; a broader range of debt instruments that would reduce dependence of institutional whim; a tender system for selling debt, under which the authorities would offer the amount of debt they needed to sell but allowing market bidders to determine the price needed to ensure clearance; and, less spoken of these days, government direction of invest-

Growth

ment.

It is the influencing of private sector credit growth, con-trol of the banking system, and short-term interest rates, that concorns yesterday's consulta-tive paper principally.

The Government is totally opposed to any form of quantitative controls on private sector credit growth, largely on the grounds that strict controls on the banks would lead to credit creation inoving out of the mainstream banking system. This is what has happened with the present "corser" system, which seeks to restrain credit growth by penalizing banks which attract excessive amounts of deposit money to lend to

Without these sorts of controls the system has to fall back on the interest rate mechanism.

to meet the monetary target. The present complaint is that interest rates tend to change too slowly and often, for poli-tical reasons, by an insufficient amount. The Bank of England's

The crucial issue then becomes just how one arrives at the level of interest rates required

minimum lending rate, for in-stance, is an administered rate, albeit that it rends to reflect underlying market develop-Many pure monetarists be-lieve that the best way to con-

trol the system is to require the banks to place money or deposit at the central banks these deposits (the "monetary base") being in some kind of mandatory ratio to the size of mandatory ratio to the size of their overall book.
As the size of their books

grew, so the size of the monetary base would grow. If it grew above a level consistent with the official target for monetary growth, the Bank would be required to take action in the market to reduce the base, operations being forced through at the market clearing price.

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Neither the Treasury nor the Bank are very keen on this idea. They see it as far 100 rigid and feel that it could be destabilizing, and need changes in the finar financial structure.

They are rather less opposed to the idea of using a monetary base measure (in a rather more flexible system, with full lender of last resort facilities) to provide an "indicator" for necessary interest rate changes.

The heart of the question, however, is the extent to which these interest rates should be automatic and the extent to which the authorities should have a right to override indicated changes. It is around this point that most of the forth coming debate will take place,

John Whitmore

Adrienne Gleeson

Stock relief: how much longer for this ramshackle system? ted and more sensitive to the them otherwise, that ED 24 is

Stock relief was introduced in the November, 1974 budget, in response to a swelling chorus of complaint about the combined effects of price controls and cost inflation on company

liquidity.
Under the 1974 budget provisions, companies might defer tax payments on profits equal to the amount by which the value of their stocks had risen, less a deduction equal to 10 per cent (later raised to 15 per cent) of trading profits. No one pretended that this device was either accurate or sophisticated, but in a rough and ready fashion it was supposed to save companies from the burden of paying tax on profits which, being wholly attributable to a rise in the price of stocks, would disappear as rapidly as they had emerged if those stocks had to be replaced at new and higher prices.

In saving companies from the burden of such tax payments, this device proved to be extremely effective. The yield on corporation tax, which had amounted to £2,858m in the year 1974-75 (on profits made in the year to the end of March, 1973), dropped by almost £1,000m in the following 12 months. Although the total tax paid by the corporate sector (mainstream corporation tax, and advanced corporation tax on dividend payments) has since risen to £3,930m (in 1978-79), the proportion of Inland Revenue receipts coming from companies is still little over

half what it was in 1973-74. The decline cannot be put down wholly to the operation of stock relief. The introduction of 100 per cent first year allowances on capital investment, earlier in 1974, also helped bring down the liability to tax of those companies which were in a position to invest anyway.

introduced, has reflected an successive appreciation by successive Chancellors of the Exchequer, appreciation that the profits so exempted are in fact not profits at all. The introduction of current accounting (almost certainly this year, at any rate for those among the higgest com-panies which have not started producing CCA supplements to

their accounts already), is likely to underline the point. On the latest estimate from stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, annual pre-tax profits of the 130 largest British companies (excluding oils and financials)
would, on the latest variation of current cost accounting (ED24), be 35 per cent lower than those given in the historic accounts; and roughly half the reduction is attributable to the cost of sales adjustment.
Mr Gordon Richardson, the

Governor of the Bank of England, pointed out some months ago, that an Inland Revenue study suggested that a cost of sales adjustment along the lines proposed in ED24, would reduce companies tax bills by even more than the present system of stock relief. But if stock relief does not

unduly favour the corporate sector in general, there is no quubt that its operations in particular have a curiously lop-sided effect. Thus, while the commercial and industrial sectors benefit fully from increases in the value of their stocks, the financial sector does not: in fact, City estimates suggest that most of the mainstream corporation tax now being paid is coming from this

Moreover, in its operations the relief tends, if anything, to favour the inefficient company whose stocks are allowed to run unnecessarily high and to penalize those companies in which more stringent controls are exercised. Finally, there is the occa-

.Whether this is unfair is a sional anomaly, when stocks different matter altogether. The fluctuate wildly for reasons perpetuation of stock relief, outside management's wishes over the five years since it was or control. This has happened recently in companies affected by the steel strike, and caused such alarm—at the prospect of large tax clawbacks—that the Chancellor was moved to aunounce that allowances would be made for such uncontrollable fluctuations.

A system of taxation based on the provisions of ED 24 would do something to iron out these problems. But, thanks possibly to a greater reduction in stock profits than the stock adjustment allows, and certainly to the introduction of an adjustment to allow for the fall in the value of money on net monetary working capital, it would almost certainly reduce the yield of corporation tax still further.

However, it is not likely to happen in the coming Budget. Accountants are on the point of agreeing, despite some last minute attempts to persuade

not merely the most practicable form of accounting for the effects of price rises on company profits, but also sufficiently accurate to be worth bringing into operation.

But the Government which But the Government, which

has resolutely declined to bring in major changes in company taxation until the accountants have reached some consensus on the meaning of the word profit, is hardly likely to abandon that stance now.

If there are to be changes in

the Budget, they are much more likely to focus on attempts to limit the "tax sheltering" devices that com-panies which still have a substantial liability to mainstream corporation tax have developed as a first line of defence against its imposition - and notably the use of leasing con-tracts to obtain the benefits of first-year allowances.

ramshackle system will have 10 when—and if—the profitability be swept away, to be replaced of companies can be increased by something more sophistica-Sooner or later, however, the

conditions affecting individual companies. Ahead of its introduction there are two causes for anxiety about the probable The first is serious enough:

If tax is to be levied or profits as established under current cost accounting procedures, then—as the implementation of ED 24 is envisaged at the moment—they will be levied. not on the profits shown in the main profit and loss account, but on those shown in a separate supplement. For most of the users of accounts, the result is likely to be present confusion

worse confounded.

The second is more serious still. Taxation of the corporate sector, under CCA procedures. is likely to be even lower than it is at the moment. And, fail-ing a decision to run down industries by forcing them to use replacement capital to pay tax, that will only be reversed

Plugging into the sun for profit In addition to the research

as the technology and markets develop the price comes down and the industry grows.

The solar energy industry in

the United States has not yet emerged from the first of these stages. But the signs are that solar power is on the threshold the stage of a boom that could transform it into a key energy source by the turn of the century. Nobody would suggest that

what California or Texas does today in solar energy could be directly applied as effectively tomorrow (or even the day after tomorrow) in sunny York-shire or Lancashire. But the experience of the United States is relevant as an indicator of future directions—and indeed there are several promising lines of solar research in Britain which could lead to substantial export business. Harnessing the infinite, non-

polluting power source that is sunlight is difficult and expensive. Solar panels (similar to central heating hot water radiators, but absorbing heat instead of radiating it) are available for space and water heating in buildings. But the cost of the incre efficient photovoltaic solar cells, which convert similable directly into electricity, remains abnost as then as the orbits of sive. Solar panels (similar to almost as high as the orbits of the spacecraft for which they were originally developed.

According to a recent solar for in energy research report by Theodore Barry & Associates, man-ties? agement consultants of Los Sola Augeles (who earlier this month linked with H.B. Maynard & Company of London to form the Maynard & Barry consultancy), the present \$150m a

year (about £70m a year) solar small companies dropped out of the business in 1978, and ber of new entrants in 1979.

But solar power is not just a cottage industry. Corporate giants such as General Motors, Exxon, General Electric (USA), Lockheed and Westinghouse are among the companies investing large sums in solar research and development. The Barry figure of a \$20,000m industry by the year 2000 is based on a United States

urategy of active federal support for solar technology, the outlined in a recent Solar Domestic Policy Review ordered by young and fragmented solar in-Ross Davies 2000, this review concluded, before the Arab oil embargo.

New industries typically begin solar energy could conceivably with rudimentary technology contribute over 30 per cent of and expensive products, then all United States energy needs. as the technology and markets Part of that growth would be the installation of solar heating equipment in 37 million new The United States Department

of Energy spent over \$600m on solar research and development in 1979 and will spend more this year. Its own estimate (more conservative than that of the

Technology

policy review) is that solar energy will contribute between 10 and 15 per cent of the expected American energy demand by the turn of the century. Other federal agencies are also funding solar work.

Among the projects being indertaken by the Department of Energy are construction of a 10 megawari solar thermal receiver in Barstow, California: advanced research in novel systems; systems development and engineering for passive

solar applications, agricultural and industrial process heat, and active heating and cooling systems; demonstration programmes in residential, commer-cial and federal buildings and for industrial process hear; and solar commercialization activi-

Solar phorovoltaic technologies are to be integrated into the electric grid system; and storage technologies are to be developed. Further substantial funds for

solar energy development could energy industry in the United also come in connexion with the States is expected to grow to proposed MX missile progabout \$20.000m by the turn of ramme of the United States field has attracted small-com-pany entrepreneurs. About 75 for this programme and the small companies decreed Department of Defence, A of about 4,500 missile shelters, were replaced by an equal num- arranged in 200 clusters in Utah and Nevada. A continuous power of 180 megawatts would tedmiteg

In the interests of energy independence, conservation and a cleaner environment, Congress recently passed the National Energy Act, which provides substantial tax and other incentives for people who adopt solar systems in their homes. "Congress and the White

House appear committed to solar energy", the Barry report notes. "Bellions of dollars are about to be pumped into a dustry that did not even exist

and development support and economic incentives, the United States government will also buy 51,500m worth of photovoltaic solar collectors over the next 10 years—more if the MX missile programme and its solar electric network are approved. Military housing will incorporate solar installations wherever they are more economical.

Nearly half all solar energy systems being installed in the United States are in California, and the incentives available in this state are particularly attrac-tive. The California Solar Energy Industries Association has a membership of more than 200 companies including manufacturers, distributors and financial institutions

Among the range of technologies available, about 200 companies in the United States are supplying flat-plate collectors (solar panels) at prices from about \$15,000. These are already competitive with electric heating but not with oil and gas-fired units. Their market is that of units. Their market is that of hot water and space heating in homes and commercial buildinzs.

Evacuated tube collectors, which rely on the insulation properties of a varuum, are twice as efficient—and twice as expensive—as are flat plates, and can operate at higher temperatures.

Concentrating collectors (typically assemblies of mirrors) are used to focus the substantial to the substantial typical substantial substa radiation on to a boiler in which the temperature is high enough to produce steam to drive turbines to produce elec-tricity. Unlike flat-plate and evacuated-tube collectors, concentrators work only on sunny days because they cannot focus diffuse light.

Finally, photovoltaic cells or collectors convert light directly into electricity. About a dozen American manufacturers are making silicon solar arrays and there are two pilot production lines for cadmium sulphide arrays.

Prices here must be reduced from the present level of about 515 to about 50 cents per peak watt—that is, they must be cut to one-thirtieth—if they are to compete with conventional energy systems and achieve broad commercial application.

This is a measure of the challenge. Research and development to meet this goal is under way at a number of government, industrial and university centres in several countries. including Britain and the United

Kenneth Owen

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months of hesitation "Whenever you get chefs sit-as, if Robert Monory, ting around having a drink ach Minister of the together after work, and they is prepared to say do like a drink, they always to the takeover of complain how hard it is for a Brit to get a top job", says David Chambers. Well Chambers has cracked it. At 26, Chambers born in the Irish Republic and brought up in London-is the new

executive chef of the Fortings Inter-Continental Hotel in The Portman is part of the Intercontinental chain which is owned by Pan-Am, although our own British Airways has a troo-thirds piece of the hotel itself. Chambers promotion, however, has less to do with changings rather than being

charginism rather than being in the right place doing the right thing at the right time.

Eighteen months ago he was a junior chef at the Carlton Tower, when he was hired to do the same thing at the Portman by the then executive chef Felix Muntwhyler. Such is the musical chairs in

Such is the musical chairs in international hotel cuisine, that Muntwhyler six months later was back in his notive Switzerland, and within a year or so the next man in charge, Briano Bressem (a Frenchman) went off to Manila, and then Chambers' predecessor, Anton Lopicher (another Swiss) also went hack home: went back home. vent back home. Chambers, who started 10

years ago as an apprentice with Grand Met's Piccodilly Hetel, now has 42 staff.

He reckons his greatest asset is youth, his and that of his lads. "I'm on the same wave-leads as they have the more than the same wave-leads as they have the more than the same wave-leads as they have the more than the same wave-leads." length as they are: the average age there is 20. One lad, who ole you will see the age there is 20. One lad. who the world go by. It is staying at the hotel, could not



Photograph by Chris Ball. Chefs confer: David Chambers (left) and sous-chef Peter Tibvetts in the kitchens of the Portman Inter - Continental Hotel in London yesterday.

About half of his staff are French, and the rest German or British. The French, he says, are best at the hot foods, purticularly sauces, and the Germans excel at cold table.

time when the present chairman, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin is leaving in June. Internal candidates for the chief because they don't have a distinctive national tradition of their own." Chambers is not best placed in wife Carol's kitchen. I don't

And the British? "Ah, they

are the best placed of all. They

can learn from both schools

Michael Casey, soon to be the ex-chief executive of British Shipbuilders was out of the corporation's Knightsbridge office yesterday on business when Rusiness Diary rang to ask that here is along years. The former when susiness triary rang to ass what his plans were. The former under secretary at the Depart-ment of Industry in charge of shipbuilding policy informed his board colleagues yestarday that he would be leaving in mid-Casey was propelled on to the

r British Shipbuilders back in 1977 when Graham Day, chief executive designate re-signed because of the then Labour Government's delays in bringing the shipbuilding in-dustry into public ownership. The under secretary took on one of the toughest jobs in industry. though lacking in commercial experience in industry.

Under the terms of his secondment Casey is entitled to return, if he wants, to the Civil Service with the rank of under Secretary (unless Sir Peter Carey, permanent secretary at the Industry Department sees fit to recommend a proofion). But whether Casey will be pre-pared to take a cut from around £30,000 a year with all the trappings of a top executive to the £18,780 salary enjoyed by an under secretary is another mat-ter. Business Diary hears that he has been looking to the private sector for his next move. The Government now has to

find a new chief executive, at a

executive's job includes John

Parker the board member for

marketing (at 37 perhaps a bit young) and John Steele, part-

 Watch out for a doorstep challenge from the free market-eers of Hongkong. One of their key manufacturers in the tex-riles and clothing field, worried like the Hongkong government like the Hongkong government about falling exports to Britain and the rest of the EEC under the latest Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA), is negotiating for a £10m factory in Britain.

This was let slip yesterday by Bill Dorward, the colony's Director of Trade, Industry and Customs, who is in London for Customs, who is in London for talks in Whitehall about the

next round of MFA negotiations

which start in earnest later this

Dorward has been sworn to secrecy for the moment but apparently the new factory will produce both textiles and clothing and will not be in an area of the country traditionally associated with textiles. Dorward, who has seen Hongkong's clothing and textiles ex-ports to Britain drop from 16 per cent to 13 per cent during the MFA's second stage over. But he is keeping quiet about a concerted policy for the new MFA talks which the textile group of developing countries are this time going to try to put

together, spread apart as they are from Latin America, the

Far East and India.

collect matchbooks, and the pride of my collection so far is one from Leicester insurance is one from Leicester insurance brokers, H. & L. Ridgway. Given the amount of business that comes brokers' way through fear of fire, I suppose it is quite natural brokers should want as many matches as possible in circulation pour encourager les autres.

Stock markets

Interest centres on oils and mines

Interest in stock markets con-tinued to be sporadic and con-fined to a few sectors with the general trading pattern remaining dull and lifeless as investors looked cautiously ahead to next week's Budget.

As on the previous day, the oils and mines sector showed the most activity, although the market received a boost during the afternoon with the news that the steel talks will be resumed today. The unions are expected mittee of enjuiry consider their

Gilts were not helped at the beginning of the day by the Bank of England's Quarterly Review prospects and the Governor, Mr Gordon Richardson's warning that high interest rates would be around for some time.

A spate of company results, including figures from Barcleys Bank and Tricentrol, dominated

Although the FT Index dropped back 1.4 to 430.6, it gradually improved and maintained

this through to the close, fin-ishing at 433.2, up 1.2.

The only changes after hours included some easing in oils and mines. BP shaved an earlier 6p gain to finish 2p up at 358p while Tricentrol moved back 4p to 288p, still ending 8p up after reporting a £13m profits im-

provement. Some of the heavy-weight gold shares lost around 50 cents from rises achieved earlier on the higher bullion price. In the gilt-edged market, the

day started £2 easier for longs but picked up to close £ leesier. The Government's iroposals announced at lunchtime for improvements in the system

Company Sales
Int or Fin fm
Aberdo Lnd Ass (I) 2.4(1.2)
Barclays Bank (F) —(—)

Hepwrth Ceramic (F) 272.0(247.0) Liverpool Pst (F) 54.5(54.4) Lex (F) 499.0(298.5)

Norvic Secs (F) —(—)
Pressac Hilgs (I) 4.7(4.6)
Photo-Me Int (I) 13.1(11.9)
J. & J. Makin (I) 7.516.21
Philips Lamp (F)(‡) 33.240(32.658)

Mills & Allen Int (1) 22.5(15.5)

Rock Durham (†) 1.25(—) Second City Props (I) 8.4(10.2) Sharpe & Fisher (F) 22.9(18.1) Talc of Leeds (F) 13.0(13.0)

-(--) 11.6(10.8)

99.6(90.9) 10.5(8.4) 0.43(0.39)

211.0(193.0) 298.0(250.0)

2.3(2.0) 209.0(142.0)

10.6(8.9)

Winston Estates (F) —(—) 0.06(0.39)
Wolsey Hughes (I) 102.1(78.2) 7.7(5.4)
Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on penc shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the earnings are net. *=loss †=9 months ‡=Florins.

C. T. Bowring (F)
Bronx Eng (F)
Capseal (I)

Cope Allman (I) Courtney Pope (I) Discor-Strand (F)

Lew Equipment (F)
Norvic Secs (F)

F. W. Thorpe (1) Tricentrol (F) J. Wilkes (F)

Dixor

rescue

operation

By Our Financial Staff Following a £249,000 annual

loss at cosmetics munufacturer

Dixor-Strand a non-executive

director. Mr Norman Davis, has

arranged a £500,000 rescue operation for the company.

The cash will come from the issue of shares and loans to

two London businessmen who

are aleady associated with the

manufacturing and markering of cosmetics and toiletries. Under the new scheme—which

has to be approved by share-

holders—the newcomers will end up with 80 per cent of the

enlarged company. It is pro-posed that Mr Davis will be-

Approval has already been given in principal by the Take-

Over Panel and the new inves-

tors will not be required to

Strand got into trouble follow-

ing a factory move and in the 12 months to September 30,

a pre-tax loss of £249,000, 1379, plunged into the red with

reginer a previous profir of 531 000. Turnover rose from 5399,090 to 433,000 in the

Since the year-end, the groun

has been trading at a loss and,

has jeopardised trading because of the shortage of cash to finance continued business.

A long-term loan of £5000,000

was not considered feasible because of the high level of

Law Society

suggests easing

In its Eudger submission to the Chancellor, the Law Society

recommends that stamp duty should not be charged on trans-

fers of property worth less than £30,000—ie, double the present exemption limit of £15,000. The

society also says that there should be some relief from

capital gains tax to allow for the inflationary element in gains. Its members suggest that

the value of an asset should be

increased by a fixed percentage for each year that it is held, so

reducing the gain that is taxed.

duction in the top rate of

capital transfer tax, from 75 to 50 per cent and the doubling

of the present exemption limit

to £50,000. They say that the

annual exemption of £2.000 should be lifted to £5.000. They recommend that the percentage

of earnings which may be con-

tributed to self-employed pen-

sion schemes should be sub-

stantially increased.

They also recommend a re-

of stamp duty

according to the company, this

The London-based Dixor-

come the new chairman.

Fife Firge (F)

present system to make much dend Recd dropped back Ip MDECI. Shorts opened £ to £ off Of the 31 companies which: Wednesday night's high levels and there was some selling. But seley Hughes announced interim the market steadied slightly and hovered around the lower levels

Shares in Eurotherm International (yield hist over 2 per cent) have dived 47p to 303p in little more than a formight. A brokers circular, rights issue rumours and worries that threetors may sell more of their shares, were to blame. There will be no rights issue, capital spending has passed its peak, pre-tax profits this year could rise from 1978-79's £2.9m to

eround £3.5m and further

boardroom share sales will probably be small.

finishing £1 to? off the highest levels. After hours, it ended Est off the bottom for the day. Variables came in for support with 3 point rises.

Dealers reported a fairly firm but uninteresting market in leading industrial stocks. leading industrial stocks. Unilever at 423p, Rank at 202p, Fisons at 272p and BAT Industries at 233p were all unchanged by the end, having put on a couple of pence at some points ICI showed one of the biggest gains for the day, rising 6p to 370p, while Beechams added 2p to 121p. Glaxo gained 4p to 248p and Pilkington rose by 4p to 215p. Courtaulds, which has recently been the subject of some activity in the traded

eptions market, added 1p to

70p, despite fears that the com-

pany's results in May may not

Latest results

150.5(105,3)

4.8(2.3) 5.03(3.9)

20.9(15.7)

30.78(27.65)

1.32(4.72) 22.9(22.9)

38.8(32.6)

20.8(14.9)

7.2(15.6)

Briefly

Rock Darham (formerly Bank Bridge Group) reports turnover for nine months to December 31 of £1.25m. Pretax profit, £258,000.

of th.25m. Pretax profit, £258,000. Dividend, 1.07p gross. No comparisons available.
Courtney Pope (Holdings): Turnover for half-year to November 30, £10.59m (£8.42m). Pretax profit, £440,000 (£425,000). Interim payment, 1.71p (same) gross.

gross.
F. W. Thorpe: Turnover for half-

year to December 31 rose from £2.08m to £2.23m and pretax pro-

£2.08m to £2.23m and pretax profits from £378.000 to £400,000. Interim payment, 1.42p (1.03p). Winston Estates' turnover for the year to March 31, 1979, was £63,000 (against £393,000). Profit, after tax. £235,000 (£146,000). Total dividend, 2.5p (2.06p) gross. New Equipment Ltd.— Turnover for year to October 31, £1,85m (£1.73m). Pretax profit, £132,000 (£148,000). Total dividend, 1.48p (1.44p) gross.

(£148,000). Total dividend, 1.48p (1.44p) gross.
Tate of Leeds: Turnover for year 1979, £13.01m (£13.05m). Pretax profit, £682,000 (£481,000). Dividend, 1.78p (1.86p) gross.
Bronx Engineering Holdings is making a one-for-one scrip issue and raising the ordinary dividend from £2.53p to 3p gross for the year to November 30. Turnover, £11,21m (£12.16m). Pretax profit, £624,000 (£317,000).
Pressac Holdings' pretax trading

Pressac Holdings' pretax trading profit was more than halved to £276,000 (against £556,000) in the six months to January 31. Turn-

over edged forward from \$4.68m to £4.75m. Interim dividend, gross, 0.72p (0.75p, adjusted for

from the last of t

Grimshawe Holdings has acquired

Grimshawe Holdings has acquired from Hunter Plastic Industries of Woolwich, the division manufacturing plastic computer spools. The cash price of the plant, stock (to be evaluated) and know-how will be about £225,000.

Rio Tinto Rhodesia: With the recent announcement of full independence being granted for Zimbabwe on April 18 Rio Tinto-Zinc has confirmed to the directors of Rio Tinto Rhodesia that it

tors of Rio Tinto Rhodesia that It will assist the development of existing and new projects by making available ESm.

J. & J. Makin Paper Mills: Turn-over for half-year to September 30

up from £6.21m to £7.58m. Pre-tax profit. £555,000 (£474,000). File Forge: Turnover for 1979. £5.91m (£7.28m). Pre-tax profit, £269,000 (£338,000). Total gross

payment raised from 3.61p to 4.71p.

James Wilkes: Turnover for 1979,

Hoechst, UK, subsidiary of the

West German group, increased its profit by 15 per cent to 221.3m (before interest and ax) last year. But pretax profit, including asso-

clates, fell by 15 per cent to

10.5m.

V. Richardson: Mr E. Marquis, a partner in Peat, Marwick, Mitchell has been appointed Receiver of W. Richardson, a Darlington company

which employs 170 people and car-ries on business as heating, ven-tuating and general engineers.

Profits

0.85(0.80)

5.71(5.63)

36.2(30.4) 4.1(4.0)

22.8(18.0)

4.7(3.0) 0.13(0.14) 0.14(0.11)

0.27(0.55) 1.43(1.42) 0.55(0.47)

23.5(20.4)

0.25(—) 0.53(0.41)

1.5(1.2) 0.68(0.48)

£m 0.75(0.14) 529.4(373.3)

clipped by \$p to 380p on fears that Mr C. Y. Tung's 420p bid might be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

profits up by 40 per cent with a 20 per cent dividend boost for the remainder of the day, which pushed the share price up 20p to 288p. Barclays Bank whose 42 per

cent improvement in profits was at the top end of expectations. finished the day unchanged at 415p; having fallen back to 407p

Boddingtons Brewery, "real ale" group, also saw profits grow by 30 per cent and the share price added 1p 117p.

Hepworth Ceramic's earnings explosition of 20 per cent ensured an 8p gain to 105p while Lex Service also gave a 55 per cent dividend increase and added 21p to 901p. Philips Lamps saw the share price drop back 5p to 395 after a profits fall and Stone Platt fell back from 421p to 37p after heavy profits fall and the news that the final dividend was to be

Steetley added 3p to 176p with improved profits and insurance broker, C. T. Bowring, gained 5p to 133p on a sharp increase in the dividend. Weir Group's shares continued on the downward path, losing 4p to 37p after the previous day's poor results, whilt Dickin-son Robinson added 1p to 102p after profit figures announced on Wednesday. Mills and Allen eased 5p to 306 on the results. Channel Tunnel revived dur-

ing the day and gained 30p to 200p after hopes were revived by the Government's announcement that the rail tunnel might of monetary control contained enable it to maintain the divibecome a reality. On the bid too few radical changes to the to 186p, while Dunlop added 1p front, Furness Withy were

Pay Year's total 3/4 —(—) 26.4(20.2) 6.0(3.36) 12/5 2.10(1.75) 23/5 —(—) 19/5 —(—)

—(—) 3.3(2.4) 5.0(3.60) 9.5(8.1)

—(—) 1.03(0.99)

1.8(1.8) 1.4(4.04)

10.5(7.26)

—(—) —(—) 1.75(1.39) 1.25(1.25)

-(-).
7.0(1.68)
4.12(4.12)
1.75(1.62)

Herr Peter Von Siemens, one new share for 17 old

board, said at the annual meeting yesterday that shareholders spectively—be made in May, he

would be invited to subscribe said, and new shares would be for the issues at an issuing price eligible for dividend payments of DM100 a share on a basis of Herr Bernhard Plenner,

Commerzbank pessimistic

West Germany's Commerz- dividend of DM8.50 for 1979.

Results in 1980 would be affected by political uncertainties as well as further ties as well as furthe

Macmillan Bloedel outlook

pected the present softness in sales to decline by about 20 per North American markets for cent this year because of re-

building materials to continue duced construction activity.

4/4 2/6 25/4 13/5 16/5 28/3

20/5 29/4

30/5 1/5 14/5

30/5

Management of Siemens has

decided to take advantage of

DM112.5m (£26m) in remaining

authorized capital through an

as bad as 1979 for the banking

business, according to manag-

ing board chairman Herr

He made the prediction after

announcing that the parent bank's net earnings declined 27 per cent to DM126.29m (£30m) in 1979 from DM173.42m

in 1978. Commerzbank an-

nounced earlier, however, that

it would pay an unchanged

Fried Krupp Huettenwerke

said its DM10m (£2.3m) 1979

profit, after four years of

losses, results from higher

ties as well as further energy

Macmilian Bloedel expects

analysts in New York, Mr Knudsen said the company ex-

By Our Financial Staff

Cope Allman, the industrial

holding company, raised pretax

interim profits by £300,000 to

53.71m in the six months to the end of December.

But Mr Louis Manson, the group chairman, says the im-

pact of the steel strike makes

it unlikely that profits will ex-ceed last year's \$11.8m. The board has therefore held the dividend increase down to 5

per cent, declaring an interim

Turnround for FKH

and raw material cost increases, higher than a which the company said it company said.

Robert Dhom.

chairman of the supervisory shares.

issue of new stock.

1/7 6/6

1.0(0.48)

6.5(4.47)

4.2(0.84)

4.4(3.6)

e per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are e net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and

Montague L. Meyer, timber group, subject of bid rumours for weeks and now rumoured as a possible bidder for Mallinson-Denny, gained 4p to 112p while Mallinson's added 3p, to 63p. Muirhead showed a starp move upward as speculation from 191p to 202p. UDT added 3p to 55p after rumours of a possible bid from Citibank, hile MFI, whose bid for Status Discount is expected immi nently, remained unchanged at

76p.
In oils, where recovery was seen mainly among the second-liners. Shell retreated by 60 to 358p. Ultramar was unchanged at 492p and Burmah added 2p to 198p. Lasmo gained 15p to 450p, while Viking, the current bid favourite, stayed at 1030p.

Shares in Muirhead, the facsimile transmission group, have been on the move again, clos treen on the move again, closing at 202p yesterday for a two-day gain of 18p. Speculators are hoping for a bid from the United States Tyeo Laboratories, which owns a quarter of the equity and started building the 18th of the county and started building the 18th of the county the 18th of the tenth of the tenth of the 18th of the up its stake at around the 250p level. But rumour has it that Tyco no wwants out, which could leave some fingers burnt.

Sicbens advanced 13p to 508p as the serback the sector re-ceived continued to diminish and confidence is gradually re-stored. National Carbonising gained 11p to 127p, reflecting Petroleum continued to benefit from the spin-off created by the oil discovery in south west Louisiana earlier in the week. It went up by 25p to 365p. Carless Capel was unchanged at

Among the mines there were some sharp increases as the bul-lion price continued to rise reaching \$561 at the afternoon fix, which it held. Among the London financials, Consolidated Gold Fields gained 14p to 489p, and Rio Tinto Zinc added 3p to 368p. De Beers D'fd went from \$92/16 to \$91 9/32.

Of the Australians, Poseidan reflected the gold and commodity prices moves and finished at 1151p while Western Mining rose 6p to 207p.

In the rubbers, bid specula-tion over Guthrie which is likely to go on until the end of month when Sime is permitted to renew its earlier abortive offer, pushed the price up 10p to 800p while Castlefield added 25p to 502p. Equity turnover for March 19 was £87.75m (number of bar-

gains, 14,924). The most active stocks according to the E-x change Telegraph, were Premier, Burmah, Rio Tinto Zinc, Trincentrol, Bat, Beecham, Turner and Newall, Shell, BP, Mills & Allen, GEC and Racal.

International

offer

Herr Dhom said the sharp

decline in earnings was due to

drastically shrinking earnings on interest in 1979, as well as

unsatisfactory earnings from

commissions on securities trad-

consolidated worldwide net earnings had declined 37 per

would try to balance with higher prices.

the company to raise raw steel

output by 7 per cent over 1978.

the end of the year was much higher than at end-1978, the

hackings in 1980 to fall short of last year's \$154.9m, or \$7.03 a share, according to Mr Calvert Knudsen, president.

In an address to securities for the balance of 1930. To the balance of 1930. To

expected its net mill prices from North American lumber

cialist steel maker. Profits in

the first half of the current

financial year fell to £1.23m

previous period. The engineering strike cost about £400,000

This half, however, will in-

corporate the consequences of the steel strike. Production at

Lees was disrupted for about a month, and the full effects

lost profits.

payment of 1.785p. are yet to be seen. Chiefly for larly for cost. The main problem is Cope's these reasons the directors are falling off.

for the balance of 1980.

Increased demand enabled

cent to DM142.5m DM224.06m in 1978.

The bank also reported that

Steetley ahead of forecasts at £23.5m

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Both Steetley and its recent E30m acquisition Gibbons Dudley have beaten the forecasts made at the time of the offer. So, including a £62,000 pretax contribution, net of its cash financing costs, from Gobons Dudley, Steetley's profits for 1979 were up from 220.4m to 223.5m. Sales rose by 19 per cent to 2297.5m.

Steetley's major activities are mineral extraction, producing construction materials and refractories and chemicals. The overseas companies in Europe. Canada and Australia supplied most of the growth in 1979. Overseas profits before interest rose by 46 per cent to 18.5m where they now account for 30 per cent of the group total.

Exports from the United Kingdom managed a 16 per cent rise to £28m despite the strength of sterling. But United Kingdom profits at the preinterest level were only about 5 per cent higher, following the poor start to 1979 when the bad weather and transport strike cost the group over £2m in lost

Streetley has been investing heavily over the last few years—capital spending was £19m in 1979— and Gibbons Dudley looks a good fit. But prospects for 1980 are clouded by the steel strike. The steel industry is a major customer for the refractories group's

Up 3p to 176p the shares yield 8.5 per cent after the 43 per cent rise in the gross dividend. The fully-taxed p/e ratio

Options

Even the latest surge in the gol dprice failed to instil much life into traded options yesterday, although contracts rose slightly from 292 to 389. Things are likely to remain this way until the Budget next week when it is hoped that the Gov-ernment will clarify the capital gains and stamp duty rules in relation to traded options. options However, some dealers feel that should the situation remain unaltered it may signal the end of traded options on the London market.

Nevertheless, investors did express some interest in Con-solidated Gold and RTZ although dealers described turnover as low.

Traditional options had another busy declaration day even though the, amount of new busis was negligible. 'Puts" were ar

"Puts" were arranged in Ashton Mining, Tricintrol and MEPC while a "double" was completed in Rothmans Int.

management board chairman

said the company was reason-ably optimistic over prospects.

reduce oil dependency would give a new impetus to the world

electrical and electronic market

Nuclear energy as a substitute for oil would also play a decisive role, he added.

Sanofi, the pharmaceutical

Elf-Aquataine oil Group of

France says it had provisionally

Fr 127m, an increase of 65.8 per

cent on the Fr76.6m realized

Gross cash flow rose by 36 er cent to Fr245m from

As previously reported, Samofi's sales rose by almost 20 per cent last year to Fr2.95bn, and figures for the

first two months of this year show a 22 per cent increase.

Rank Xerox SPA, of Milan,

maker of photocopying equip-ment and fully-owned Italian

subsidiary of Loadon-based Rank Xerox, says it more than

quadrupled its profit in the year ended October 31, 1979.

2.8bn in the preceding year. Sales climbed 17 per cent to

Profit rose to 11.9bn lire from

The company attributed the

market profit increase mainly to an improved financial posi-tion and sales growth resulting

service charges from foreign exchange losses dropped to 2.7

expectations of growth will not

Mr Manson also said

led the way, wit ha £500,000 rise to £1.78m. But Mr Manson

points out that margins are still a bit low, the improvement

partly reflects starting from a low base, and orders, particu-

larly for cosmetic containers,

per cent of turnover in from 6.5 per cent in 1978 and

10.8 per cent in 1977.

be achieved".

engineering division, which in-cludes J. B. & S. Lees, a spe-expectations of growth will not

financial year fell to £1.23m interest charges for the full from £1.48m in the comparable previous period. The engineering strike cost about £400,000 all increased profits. Packaging

Rank Xerox (Italy)

in coming years, he said

Sanofi increase

Fr180m.

130.2bu lire.

The more economic use of

improves to £36m Siemens plans DM112.5m issue

crease profits by almost a fifth on the back of increased energy and the development of alternative energy sources to productivity.

has enabled the group to install lower unit costs, has boosted 1979 pretax profits from £30.4m to £36m. Turnover rose £25m to £272m, leaving margins a full point higher at 13.6 per

and cosmetics division of the clayware, was the only one to reduce its contribution—from £15.1m to £14.4m—as a resultestimated its net consolidated of a downturn in the market in America. Several plants were of commission during the income for 1979 (excluding minority interests) stood at period for the installation of new equipment and this ought

> In the United Kingdom, clayware side increased its profits

The refractories subsidiaries showed the largest improvement, more than doubling pretax margins from 4.3 per cent to 8.7 per cent, despite a downturn in demand in real terms. Turnover at £61m was little

Exports from the United Kingdom rose from £32.8m to £35.9m. The group also made a profit of £912,000 on the sale of an unlisted investment in

issue, in October, Hepworth is thought to have some £20m in cash in its balance sheet. However, capital spending is likely to be £40m annually over the next few years and the group is also on the look out for an acquisition in America.

As forecast at the time of the rights, the full year dividend has

There is also some doubt about whether orders to the fashion division will repeat the winter seasons' success in raising profits from f1.03m to f1.21m. The summer season is a slack period for Cope in the fashion area.

The steadiest contributor to turnover, up £9m to £99.6m, is Capseals Group, in which, Cope has a 59 per cent stake. Its pretax profits contribution was £872,000. Capseals also declared an interim dividend of 1.5p, up

Tricentrol plans US expansion as profits soar

By Richard Allen Revenues from Tricentrol's near 10 per cent stake in the North Sea's Thistle field have produced an unexpected up-

profits were more than £13m up at £213m pre-tax with a £9m jump to £13.7m in United Kingdom oil and gas production proceeds providing most of the improvement. Liquidity is such that the group has decided for this year at least to abandon its policy of

paying dividends out of non-oil profits and ploughing the rest back into exploration and production. The final dividend has been increased to 6p gross, making a year's total of 10p gross, which represents a four-fold increase

and is covered less than three times by total earnings. Meanwhile the group intends to continue its expansionary thrust with the help of a plac-ing in the United States and

Canada, which could result in share's equal to as much as 02 per cent of the existing equity being offered to transatlantic investors.

Tricentrol intends to use the proceeds to accelerate growth in North America. It has looked at a number of oppor-tunities in the oil and gas area and hopes to launch a signifi-cant takeover move in the second half of this year.

The group's United States ambitions will be supported by a revaluation of the group's Thistle field and existing North American reserves. An indepen-dent valuation has put a figure of £115m on discounted future net cash flow from Thistle compared with a book value of £30m and a figure of £80.4m on proven Canadian and United States reserves against a book total of £17.6m.

News of the revaluations helped lift the shares 8p to 288p yesterday.



profits, Mr James Insch (above right), chairman of Birmid Qualcast, gave shareholders no hint of current trading at yesterday's annual meeting.

However, in his annual report he warned that 1980 may not be the best year for the group to demonstrate the benefits of its rationalization programme

Despite three years of falling because of the United Kingdom and world recession.
In 1979 pre-tax profits fell.

from £4.8m to £3.1m and the dividend was cut by a quarter, but Mr Insch told shareholders in the report and accounts that the group was planning to achieve considerably improved profits in the current period. Mr Insch is pictured above with his deputy chairman Mr Brian Fitton.

worse th expected Philips Lamps, holding company for electrical multination fered a fall in nei almost Pl 100m las

Philips's

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Hepworth Ceramic

Despite difficult trading conditions in the past year, Hepworth Ceramic managed to in-

An expansionary capital spending programme, which new plant and equipment and

cent. The group's main division,

to boost profits in the current year.

by around £1.6m.

more than maintained during the year while pre-tax profits rose from £2.6m to £5.3m.

America. After the group's £28m rights

been raised by a third to 7.14p gross. At this level the shares, which rose 8p to 105p yester-day, yield 6.8 per cent and trade

at five times fully taxed earn-Cope Allman expects difficult second half

Lex's performance pleases the market the registration of

By Our Financial Staff Despite a slow-down in the vehicles is still imp. Despite a slow-down in the second half, BL and Volvo car the group also the current BL dealer Lex Service Group still appears to have an figures and a 50 per cent rise in the dividend. And the news was enough to add 31p to the shares

at 901p yesterday. Turnover, at £499m for 1979. was a quarter up on the prewas a duater up on the pre-vious year, while pre-tax profits rose from £18m to £22.8m. At the trading level, profits at £28.8m showed a better rise on the previous period, but an increase in borrowings pushed inerest charges from £4.5m to E6m.

Lex had a successful year with Volvo (where the prime business is as importers and suppliers to the 240 dealerships) and the upturn has continued into the current period where

A final dividend o gives shareholders a of 10p, which, with trading at 90 p, inc yield to 11 per cent, earnings multiple at At the end of las group increased its United Carriers, a r port operator, to 28.2

decline in market

has around 20 BL (

The hotels division cludes London's Carl

However, the group vesterday that it sees ing as an investment'r potential take-ove

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Dicks who has resigned Mr R. W. Koehrer t

an associate director in management services

managing director of Advanced Systems (UK

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Mr Brian Hicks has g

the board of Adams group services director, Mr Robert Hutton

the London office of

Reynolds Associates as tive director.

Mr Maurice Westly joined the board of Re

The following are the figure for the monthly amount of a seasonally adjusted at the dates:

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Mr John Clements

Business appointments

Director for **Scottish** American

Sir Alastair Down has been made a director of Scottish American Investment.

Mr Douglas McLeod has joined Barratt Construction as technical director. Mr. Norman Bruce, previous holder of the post, has been nade commercial director.

Mr S. H. Wright, a director of Lazard Brothers, has joined the board of Wolstenholme Rick. Mr Peter Collard has been made manufacturing director of Holt

Lioyo. Mr Barry G. K. Brice has become a parmer in Pinsent. Mr Ian Henderson becomes managing director of Potato & Allied Services. Sir Alan Campbell has become a director of National Westminster

Bank's main board. Mr John Parker; board member for shipbuilding, British Shipbuild-ers, has been elected a member of the international general committee of Bureau Veritas, the French ship

of Burezu Veritas, the French ship classification society.

Mr R. H. Sellier, assistant managing director of Cementation International has been made managing director of Cementation Construction. He succeeds Mr Peter Maguire.

Mr Williams S. Barrack has been clasted chairman of Toyana

been elected chairman of Texaco. Mr Thomas E. Cottrell will continue as a managing director of Texaco. Mr J. M. Williams, a ddirector of Texaco and the presivices, has become a managing director of Texaco.

Mr R. J. Marshall is now president of LBI (Canada). He will also be chief representative of Lloyds Bank International in Toronto. Lord Chalfout has become a non-executive director of Shandwick Consultants.

Mr A. Ross Belch, retiring chalman and managing director of Scott Lithgow, has been made a director of Graft Armstrong and

director of Gault Armstrong and Kemble and Gault Armstrong and Kemble (International). Mr W, Huggins is now chairman of Pointon York Sciater; Mr Nigel Sciater is managing director and Mr Geoffrey Pointon has been

made a director.

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is expected to be completed this summer. Spending may fall slightly this year and the emphasis will start switching towards development of its tied

Free trade sales, which represent 18 per cent of the total sales, are also to be expanded sales, are also to be expanded. Below the line a higher tax charge leaves the after tax figure at £2.25m from £2.1m and, after extraordinary items, the attributable profit is £2.27m against £2.12m.

This leaves the 5.36p gross total dividend raised by 29 per cent, 2.7 times. Stated estimates per share come out at 10.030

per share came out at 10.03p against 9.25p.

The shares rose 1p yesterday to 117p to yield 4.5 per cent with a p/e ratio of 11.7.

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ughes has continued most of the current tral heating systems. rofits for the six famuary 31, leapt by it to £7.69m on turnn £78.2m to £102.6m. s latest acquisition, James Group, for id £23m last June, first-time contribu-2m on turnover of

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ase in profits was sted in the market

Newspaper group sees little growth

By Michael Clark

Despite a shortfall in profits
at the halfway stage the Liverpool Daily Post & Echo has
managed to show some growth
overall—but only just.

Pretax profits for the full
part to Describer 31 show an

year to December 31 show an increase of £92,000 compared with the £4m for the 15 months last year. This was slightly be low most market expectations

low most market expectations and was achieved on turnover virtually unchanged at £54.5m leaving a trading profit of £3.78m.

The directors have proposed a final dividend of 10.1p gross making a total of 15.8p against 13.5p.

Last wear the group index-

13.5p.

Last year the group underwent rationalization which included the closure of its web-

cluded the closure of its weboffset operation in Liverpool at
a cost of £776,000 and the sale
of its Rizafeg retail chain, consisting of over 100 shops.

This accounted for an extraordinary item of £1.07m compared with a debit of £1.07m
which was partly responsible
for the rise in other income
from £230,000 to £316,000.

However, the board warns
that the threatening recession

that the threatening recession does not augur well for the current year with the likelihood of a cut in advertising revenue But on the plus side the paper making and packaging sides should maintain their trading

results.

The problems of the first half which included the lorry drivsted in the market ers' strike and bad weather here the shares rose where they yield half by the strength of sterling and pressure on margins.

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designs and manu-France and Italy nachinery and ovens keries. Products are in those countries frica and the Middle 5 700 employees, of are in France. At 30, 1979, capital em-te business was 25m nich 20m francs was y short-term bank y short-term bank nd long-term loans. ins says the acquisi-monden further its ge and manufacture

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Fisher 26.2 per cent greater pretax profits of Fisher rose by 24.9 a best-ever £1.51m

l gross payment is l from the equivalent 2.5p gross. Earnings are up from 5.2p to 6.1p and the asset share from 38p to 43p. The pretax capital employed rom 19.1 to 21.5 per pe's activities cover nerchants and DIY

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is being boosted by from 1.14p to 1.71p ar to December 31, nal sales (excluding vestments) expanded m to £16.13m. Pretax e up from £115,000; the board does not ly tax liability in the future except that profits; 1979's tax £37,000, against sentially represents

rkins Holdings has A.C.T. on dividends paid and in profits fell to £29,000, compared with £155,000 in 1978.

Development sales lifts City of Aberdeen land

Boosted by £353,000 from the sale of office development, pretax profits of City of Aberdeen Land Association soared to £756,000 in the half-year to December 31. This compares with £145,000 in the similar half-ware law time and the full. half-year last time and the full-year results of £396,000 achieved in 1978-79. The interim dividend, gross, is being raised from 3.73p to 5p. The board is confident about the future.

Rolls-Royce Motors expects higher profit

Provided Rolls-Royce Motor Holdings can successfully cope with the aftermath of the national steel strike and there national steel strike and there are no further major national disruptions, profits in 1980 should see an improvement over 1979's £7.14m pretax, despite the problems associated with inflation. So writes Mr Ian Fraser, the chairmen, in his annual report.

The steel strike is beginning in have further depressive

The steel strike is beginning to have further depressive effects on the economy and Rolls-Royce Motors has had a dispute at the Shrewsbury factory, now settled, which has cost the company "considerable revenue" in February, the chairman reveals.

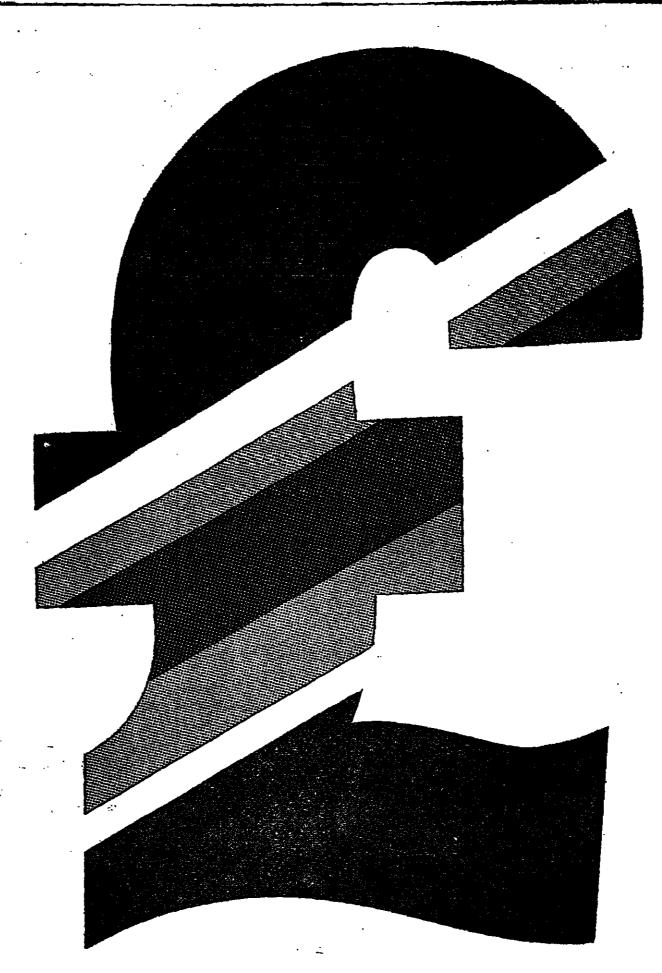
Mills & Allen jumps ibution was achieved; of the merchanting 56pc at half-time

On numover 45 per cent up at On numover 45 per cent up at £22.53m, pre-tax profits of Mills and Allen International jumped by 56 per cent to £4.72m in the half-year to December 31. All major tracing divisions achieved improved results during a period which benefited from the strong demand for outdoor and strong demand for outdoor and cinema advertising and the high level of activity in the money broking busine

The second half has started "satisfactorily", but the dis-parity between the first and second-half's profits this year is second-hair's profits this year is unlikely to be as pronounced as last year, the board says. Pre-tax profits for 1978-79 reached a record £7.23m. The interior dividend, gross, is being increased aron 3.85p (editorial). (adjusted) to 5.71p to reduce the disparity between payments.

Strong sterling hits Photo-Me

In spite of the turnover of Photo-Me International expand-ing by 9.5 per cent to £13.11m in the six months to October 31, pre-tax profits were wirtually unchanged at £1.43m, against £1.42m. The interim payment is being raised from 3.15p to 4.5p. gross. Profits were held back by the stronger pound and the almost doubling of VAT to 15



Bowring is working well for Britain

In a year of increasing trading and economic difficulties with high interest rates, weakness of the dollar and ever increasing inflation, Bowring has shown marked steadiness in all sectors of the Group's world-wide operations.

These include insurance broking—compares favourably with competitors; insurance underwriting—good year with outstanding results from Crusader; credit finance—Bowmaker affected by high borrowing costs; engineering improvement despite difficult economic environment; merchant banking —Singer & Friedlander another year of progress; trading—profits maintained; shipping—substantial turnaround.

Results of C.T. Bowring & Co. L. ...

for the year 1979, subject to audit:

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MARKET REPORTS

Discount market

Heavy tax payments yesterday created extremely tight credit conditions in the discount market. Bank of England assistance was eventually required on an exceptionally large scale. The authorities purchased a moderate amount of Treasury bills and a small number of corporation bills from the houses and the banks, and also bought a moderate quantity of bought a moderate quantity of the cileuote bank bills directly from the houses. Some of the corporation bills and all of the "eligibles" were acquired on a resale basis.

resale basis.

In addition, the bank lent a large sum overnight at MLR to four or five brouses. As well as a large excess of Revenue transfers to the Exchequer (tax) over Government disbursements, the market had to contend with balances that were slightly below target overnight.

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Wall Street

New York, March 20.—The stock market was mixed in slow trading this morning—The Dow Jones was off 1.53 pts to 799.40. Advances led declines 510 to 477, among the 1.417 issues crossing the tape. First-hour volume amounted to about 7m shares, compared with 11,170:000 on Wednesday. In the news background, the Government said the nation had a deficit on balance of payments on current accounts in last year's fourth quarter after a \$1,140m surplus in the third quarter.

Analysts said Wall Street

Analysts said Wall Street apparently is hopeful a recession will emerge soon to dampen inflation and reduce interest rates.

Gold leaps \$67

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New York March 19 — GOLD con- tinued its recovery at NY Comes with a S67 leap, closed at 3550 50 an ounce against 200 leaping a price of \$452. Warch 2009, 100 \$520, 001 April, \$538 50: May \$530, 501 Uct, \$786, 501 Dec. \$602 301 Feb. \$610, 501 April, \$531, 501 June. \$50. S11 Apr. \$666, 501
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By. SUGAR.—The London daily price of raws "was £2 higher af £210; he "whites" price was unchanged it £201. Futures | per tonner: Old canaract | fateady. —March. 210-15; day. 228-50-28.75; Aug. 240-40-50; lct. 249-50-47.75. Sales. 9, 4875 lots. lew Contract | quiet | —May. 230-60-60.77; Aug. 240-50-41.00; Oct. 250-60.0.75; Aug. 240-50-41.00; Oct. 250-60.0.75; Aug. 220-50-41.00; Oct. 250-61; lay. 270-72. Sales. 1, 521 lots. 184 rices | fam. 250-51; March. 270-72; lay. 270-72. Sales. 1, 521 lots. 184 rices | fam. 250-51; March. 270-72; lay. 270-72. Sales. 1, 521 lots. 18-97c; lay. 170-72. Sales. 1, 521 lots. 18-97c; lay. 11-15.00; lay. 11-15. The Over-the-Counter Market

storemen not on strike. These men have been providing financial support for the 400 storemen in the major wool selling centres of Melbourne and Sydney whose continued strike action has prevented any resumption of wool exports. Foreign exchange report

The pound ended below its best yesterday at 2.1980 against the dollar after 2.2050 at one stage, compared with Wednesday night's 2.1930. On a trade-weighted basis it retreated from an opening 72.6 to finish at 72.3, just 0.1 better. Neither the Treasury's consultative document on monetary control nor the latest banking figures made any significant impact on the pound's performance, dealers said.

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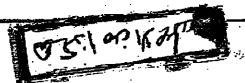
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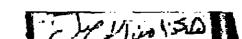
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e purist will wince at what the Hollywood director. cman did with that classic tale of a nick-of-time rescue ad the Pendulum (BBC 1, 10-50). Poe's unnamed ondemned by the Inquisition to be sliced in two by a blade, becomes in Mr Corman's film a named victim zy passion of a Spanish grandee. But, though the plot which Mr Corman stitched on to Poe's concise error is too ridiculous for words, the film's pendulum icular creation of fieudish ingenuity. For fidelity to the you must listen to David Pinner's adaptation in the ols programme (Radio 4, VHF, 11.20 am).

ow, and I know, what we thought about the Radley offiles which ended last night. But what did Dennis varden of the college, think about them? And Clive The Observer? And those two political rivals, Rhodes and Chye are conserver? And those two political rivals, Rhode arliamentary Under Secretary of State for Education about education shadow, Neil Kinnock? We can find it in a discussion chaired by David Dimbleby .00).

icago Symphony Orchestra, conducted not by Solti e almost come to take for granted but by Charles should none the less sound impressive in today's "ncert (12.05 and 1.05). There's some Janacek and Valton's symphony No 1 and Hindemith's Violin with Josef Suk as soloist... Today's Afternoon Radio 4, 3.15) which is Jacky Gillott's Hush Hush, to hear once again the sorely missed voice of

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beart attack (r).

8.20 Breakaway: Episode 5 of the

Francis Durbridge thriller, starring Martin Jarvis as the policeman, and Judy Geeson, When will the

blackmailer strike? 6.50 Points of View: Barry Took

9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendall,

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Copley concludes his readings 10.15 The Fall and Rise of from The Runaway, by Gillian Reginald Perrin: Leonard Rossiter Cross; 4.45 Tarzan the Hated: animated film (r); 5.05 Rentaghost: comedy series, repeated. A social evening at the commune, which is anow thriving. BBC 1 6.40 am Open University: Disaster simulation; 7.05 Drugs: Industry and regulators; 7.30 Nature of che-Paddington: Paddington Makes a

and regulants; 7.50. Nature of chemistry. Closedown at 7.55.
9.05 For. Schools, Colleges: Treff-punkt: Deutschland; 9.25 Athlete (hammer); 9.52 Look and Read: 18.15 Maths-in-a-Box; 10.35 Going to Work (council work); 11.00 Hyd. o Fyd (Welsh programme). 5.40 News: with Richard Baker. 5.55 Nationwide: with Desmond Lynam's Sportswide. 7.00 Young Maverick: Ben (Charles Frank) tries to rescue Nell's uncle 11.25 You and Me: One for you and from the county's hanging judge.
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Tonight, her husband (Geoffrey Palmer) thinks he may be in for a

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11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Everyday maths: 2; 12.05 pm Your Own Business: 9 (r). Closedown at

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9.30 am For Schools: Botanic Man (extinction of species); 9.57 Stop, Look, Listen (electricity, gas);

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10.27 It's Your Future: 10.48
About Books (sci-fi); 11.10 Reading with Lenny; 11.22 Leapfrog (maths); 11.39 Believe if or Not (life and death).

11.55 Cartoon Time: The Wiffle Bird's Revenge (r); 12,00 A Hand-ful of Songs; with Maria Morgan, Keith Field; 12.10 pm Once Upon

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Closedown at 3.00.

3.20 Pobol y Cwm: Serial in Welsh.

3.25 Play School: Ursula Daniels's story, 10 o'clock in the Square; show guest really murder the girl 4.20 Roobarb:Richard Briers relis a who presented it? Eddie Capra story (r); 4.30 Jackanory: Paul (Vincent Baggetta) investigates. BBC 2 7.20 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.30 Five to One: Young questioners (disc jockey, farmer, policewoman et al) seek answers from Kenneth Oxford, Chief Constitution 6.40 Open University Riccio's bronzes ; 7.65 Earth materials (3) 7.30 Mineral processing. Close

table of Merseyside.

8.00 Public School: Pust-mortem on the BBC's Radley College series which ended last night. Discussion is chaired by David Dimbleby (see Personal Choice).

8.30 Vikings I First part of Magnus Magnusson's 16-episode series in 11.00 Play School : Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Close down at 11.25. 4.50 Open University: Journey into frequency space; 5.15 Bore-hold-logging; 5.40 Statistics: binomial-distribution; 6.05 Movement of substances in plants; 6.30 Parlamentary expenditure committee.

5.55 Gardener's World: Bringing a
very neglected cottage garden back
to pleasing life. Also hints on
Cordon apples and turning the lawn
and growing a never-ending supply
of vegetables.

8.30 Vikings 1 First part of Magnus Magnusson's 10-episode series in which the Viking world is explored at all levels (see Personal Choice). 9.00 Pot Black 80: Twelfth and final game in the qualifying round. Graham Miles plays Perrie Mans, both former Pot Black champions. 9.25 International Golf: Jack Nicklaus and Sean Connery play Ben Emmerdale Farm: Joe Sugden consults his mother. Suden consults his mother. S.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.30 Thames Sport: With Royald Alli-son, Brough Scott and Allan Tay-

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12.19 am Glose. Scotland, 11.00 am
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am Glose. 7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week †
8.10 Profile. 8.30 Any Questions? 9.15 Letter From America. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 10.00 The World. Tonight.

10.15 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin: Leonard Rossiter comedy series, repeated. A social evening at the commune, which is now thriving.

10.45 News headlines.

10.50 Film: The Pit and the Pendulum (1961). Full-blooded horror movie about a man (Vincent Price) who thinks he might have buried his wife alive. It has very little to do with the Poe story. Ends at

do with the Poe story. Ends at 12.15 am approximately. (See Personnel Choice.)

Regions

10.15 Therese Raquin: repeat of part 2 of this powerful adaptation of Zola's novel about murder and conscience. With Kate Nelligau as Therese, Brian Cox as the mur-

Crenshaw and Glen Campbell at St Andrews, A. Mariey Challenge

derer.

11.10 Jazz: Interview with George Wein, creator of the Newport Jazz Festival, and music from Willie Bobo, Salome Bey and Spyro Gyra.

11.55 Friday Night. . Saturday Morning: Terry Wogan is the MC in this edition of the music, that and jokes show. His guest is Larry Hagman who plays the unpleasant J. R. Ewing in the BBC TV series Dallas. Ends at approximately 12.45.

London Weekend

series. 8.30 Hawaii Five-0: Someone tries to convince Joan Carter (Lynda Marsh) that she is only imagining the frightening attacks being made

10.00 News. 10.30 Soap : American comedy series about two families, the Tates and the Campbells. 11.00 The London Programme Why unions are taking over hospitals in London—three so far. Can their action prevent more cuts in national health spending? 11.45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker: The

7.00 pm The Muppet Show: The human guest is the American actor Alan Arkin, Includes a Jekyll and Hyde skit. 7.30 Play Your Cards Right : Bruce 7.30 Play Your Cards Right: Bruce Forsyth turns playing cards over for competitors on a money trail. The mixture as before. 8.00 Life Begins at Forty: First-time parents (Derek Nimmo and Rosemary Leach) at the christen-tex Leach of this middle amusing ing. Last of this mildly amusing

on her, 9.30 Fully Licensed for Singing and Dencing: A tour of night spots, in the company of comedian Roy Walker.

Southern Canadian Cup Trophy. Steve Davis and Rounie Dukes versus David Taylor and Mike Burton.

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

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6.30 Today,
6.30 Today,
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines,
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament,
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs,
9.45 Enquire Within,
10.08 News.
10.05 From Our Own Correspondent.

dent.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Once Upon an Ice Age (5).
11.00 News.
11.05 Between Two Lives.

3.00 News: 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 Play: Hush Hush, by Jacky

4.40 Preview. 4.45 Story: The Education of Hank

11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
11.45 Play: Night Vision,
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.13 Weather.

6.50 am Regional news, weather.

7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 Schools Contact;
People ar Work; Country Dancing; Notice Board II; Music
Workshop.

Workshop. 10.45-12.00 Schools: A Corner for Music; Exploring Society; Notice Board II; Listening and Writing;

Prospect.
2,00 pm-3.00 Schools: Let's Join
In; Religious Education; Adven-

11.50 Between Two Lives.
11.50 Bird of the Week.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 My Music.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.

1.40 The Archers.

Gober Junior. 5.00 PM. 5.55 weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Going Places.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News:

Gillott.† 4.10 A Handful of Songs.

Grampian As London except: 9.25 am First Thing.
1.20 pm North News. 3.45 The Brackcombers. 6.00 North Thought. 6.35
Sportscall. 8.30 Vegas. 10.30 Reflections. 10.35 Film: Twins of Evil (Peter
Cushing. Dennis Price). 12.15 am
North Readlines.

As London except: 1.36 pm Southern News, 2.45 Start on Ice, 5.18 Mork and Mindy, 6.00 Day by Day, 8,00 Scent South East (55 only), 6.30 Out of Town, 8.30 Streets of San Francisco, 16.30 Southern News, 10.35 Late Show, 1.20 am Weather, The How and Why of Prayer.

As London except: 12.00-12.30 pm Clo-sedown. 1.20 Channel News 2.45. What's on Next 8.00 Report at Six. 6.35 Documentary. 8.30 Incredible Hulk. 10.28 Channel News. 10.36 Jack Duff. 10.55 Film: The Widow 12.40 am News and weather in French. Yorkshire

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5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Rein Pro-Radio 2

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5.00 am News, weather, 5.03 Ray
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Much More Music.† 5.09 News.
5.05 Waggoners' Walk, 5.20 Much
More Music.† 6.03 Derek Hobson.†
8.02 Friday Night is Music Night.†
9.55 Sports Desk, 10.02 Marks in
his Diary. 10.30 Sounds of Latin
America. 11.02 Brian Matthew.
2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night
and the Music.†. and the Music. †.

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11.40 Quartet (Gabrieli): Haydn
(op 71 no 1).†
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pt 1: Janacek, Dvorak, Hindemith
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5.00 am As Radio 2. 6.00 Dave Lee Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31 Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy Pecbles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.30 Anne Nightingale. 9.50 Newsheat. 10.00 Friday Rock show.† 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2.

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9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Holst.†
10.00 Piano: Chopin, Schumann,

Scriabin.† 10,55 BBC NI Orch/Alwyn : Cim-

1.00 News. 1.05 CSO, pt 2: Walton (Sym 1).†

1.55 The Arts Worldwide. 2.15 American choral music: Harris (Sym for Voices), Bern-

stein.†
2.55 Four horns: Tippett (Sou).†
3.10 Piano trio (Stuttgart), pt 1:
Beethoven (op 70 no 1), Brahms

4.10 Stuttgart Trio, pt 2 : Schubert (D929).†

(D929).†
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only from6.20) Music for early evening.†
7.00 Record: Machaut.†
7.10 One Pair of Ears.: review.
7.25 Play it Again: preview.†
7.30 Two pianos (Eden, Tamir, live from Broadcasting Centre. Birmingham), pt 1: Schubert (D812).†
8.10 Talk: The Kaiser, the King and the Coming of War.
8.30 Eden, Tamir, pt 2: Debussy, Rachmanlanov (Suire 2).†
9.25 The Vision of Piers the Ploughman (7).†

Ploughman (7).†
9.55 Building a Library: Raydn
(Cello Conc in C).†
10.25 Reading: Monkey Nuts, by

D. H. Lawrence. 11.00 Chamber music : Martinu.† 11.55-12.00 News. VRF

Structure Mapping in Drosophila; Utilization of Polysaccharides;

Maths—Limits.
5.20-7.00 pm Open University:
Handicapped in the Community:
Newspapers and Technological
Change.

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Radio 3

Borodin.† 8.00 News

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Granada As London except: 11.50 am Stamp Stories, 1.20 pm Granada Recorts, 2.06 Live trom Two. 3.45 Sura on Ice. 5.15 Rolf Harris. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30 Kick Off. 8.30 Voses. 10.30 Double Vision, 11.15 Sorp. 11.45 Füm: Eyr of the Devil (Deborah Kerr, David Niven: 1.20 Closedown.

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March—a son (Brandict) and a daughter (Tabelta) to Curkfield.

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March, aged R!!, widow of the
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19, pencefully on 17th March at
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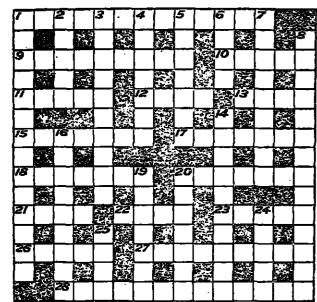
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12 The sort of root weightwatchers shun? (4).
13 Club's curtain material (4).
15 Goes ahead thus and rows madly 17).

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17 Girl turns in subscriptions to guardians (7).

18 It shows the bookmaker was human! (7).

20 Tree product used for corrupt purposes (4-3).

21 How cannibal tribe might treat this explorer (4).

22 Worst sort of floater (4).

23 Such a 21 is not too caucy.

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26 Where Welshmen dine in New Hampshire? (5).

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23 A topping spread here for Cape folk? (5, 8).

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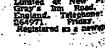
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